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Connecticut's economy recorded slightly higher employment in October when personal income and average weekly wages increased to new highs and unemployment also was up, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages & Hours: A monthly rise of 1,100 in nonfarm employment to 1,416,500 in October (page 2) was mainly in nonmanufacturing, with seasonal gains in general merchandising, educational services and government. Manufacturing was down by 2,900 jobs because of shutdowns and other layoffs, principally in fabricated metals, transportation equipment and printing. Overall employment in October was 25,700 below the same month last year. Monthly employment dropped in 11 labor markets and increased in Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk and Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose to new record highs of $8.38 per hour and $336.04 weekly (page 3) and the workweek remained unchanged at 40.1 hours. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, earnings were $8.15 hourly and $326 weekly, up from last year's hourly and weekly rates of $7.48 and $299.20. Workers in Ansonia, Hartford, New London-Norwich, Bridgeport, Middletown and Bristol received the highest weekly wages (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment moved up by 7,700 to 110,800 or 6.9 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate increased to 7.4 percent (page 4), the highest since April and May's 7.3 percent adjusted figure. Both the actual and adjusted rates remained three full percentage points below the nation's 9.9 and 10.4 rates for October. With the exception of Ansonia, each of the labor markets recorded higher unemployment. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefit payments, others who were ineligible and whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Several economic indicators showed monthly improvement, including increased automobile registrations, personal income of state residents reaching a new monthly high of $3-billion, $736-million, and a seasonal drop in average weekly new filings for unemployment benefits (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1982

	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981(R)	% Change Oct. '82 over Sept.'82	% Change Oct. '82 over Oct. '81
Total Nonag Employment....	1,416,500*	1,415,400(R)*	1,442,200*	+ 0.1	- 1.8
Manufacturing.............	395,600*	398,500(R)*	433,800*	- 0.7	+ 9.7
Metallic Manufacturing...	284,700*	287,200(R)*	315,300*	- 0.9	- 9.7
Primary Metals..........	16,600	17,000	19,100	- 2.4	- 13.1
Fabricated Metals.......	58,200	59,000	65,800	- 1.4	- 11.6
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	47,600*	47,900(R)*	57,100	- 0.6	- 16.6
Electrical Equipment....	48,000	47,800	51,300*	+ 0.4	- 6.4
Transportation Equipment	82,600	83,500	85,100	- 1.1	- 2.9
Instruments & Clocks....	24,800	25,200	29,400	- 1.6	- 15.6
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,900	6,800	7,500	+ 1.5	- 8.0
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	110,900	111,300	118,500	- 0.4	- 6.4
Food....................	12,000	11,800	12,400	+ 1.7	- 3.2
Textiles................	6,900	7,100	8,200	- 2.8	- 15.8
Apparel.................	9,600	9,500	11,500	+ 1.1	- 16.5
Furniture & Lumber......	6,300	6,300	6,300	0.0	0.0
Paper...................	9,800	9,800	10,000	0.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,000	25,400	25,700	- 1.6	- 2.7
Chemicals...............	18,500	18,500	19,400	0.0	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	10,900	11,100	12,000	- 1.8	- 9.2
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,900	11,800	13,000	+ 0.8	- 8.5
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,020,900*	1,016,900	1,008,400*	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Construction............	53,900*	54,000	55,000*	- 0.2	- 2.0
Transportation..........	32,000	31,900	32,000	+ 0.3	0.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,800	12,700	12,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Other Transportation...	19,200	19,200	19,300	0.0	- 0.5
Communications..........	17,600	17,600	18,100	0.0	- 2.8
Utilities...............	11,600	11,700	11,500	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Trade...................	309,200	310,100	303,600	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Wholesale..............	81,200	81,300	78,200	- 0.1	+ 3.8
Retail.................	228,000	228,800	225,400	0.4	+ 1.2
General Merchandise...	32,200	30,900	31,400	+ 4.2	+ 2.6
Food Stores...........	41,600	41,800	40,600	- 0.5	+ 2.5
Auto Dlrs & Gas Sta...	24,200	24,300	24,700	- 0.4	- 2.0
Restaurants...........	66,100	67,900	63,900	- 2.7	+ 3.4
Other Retail Trade....	63,900	63,900	64,800	0.0	- 1.4
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	116,000	116,200	112,500	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Banking................	28,500	28,400	27,500	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Insurance..............	65,400	65,500	62,800	- 0.2	+ 4.1
Real Estate............	10,100	10,200	10,100	- 1.0	0.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,000	12,100	12,100	- 0.8	- 0.8
Services................	301,900	301,400	292,500	+ 0.2	+ 3.2
Hotels.................	6,700	7,100	6,100	- 5.6	+ 9.8
Personal Services......	14,700	14,500	13,900	+ 1.4	+ 5.8
Business Services......	61,600	61,700	59,400	- 0.2	+ 3.7
Health Services........	102,000	101,800	100,200	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Law & Professional.....	21,200	20,900	20,400	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Educational Services...	30,100	28,700	27,200	+ 4.9	+ 10.7
Other Services.........	65,600	66,700	65,300	- 1.6	+ 0.5
Government..............	178,700	174,000	183,200	+ 2.7	- 2.5
Federal................	21,500	21,400	21,300	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
State & Local..........	157,200	152,600	161,900	+ 3.0	- 2.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - OCTOBER 1982
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$336.04	$334.43	$321.31	40.1	40.1	41.3	$8.38	$8.34	$7.78
Metallic Manufacturing......	348.25	346.58	334.02	40.4	40.3	41.7	8.62	8.60	8.01
Primary Metals.............	356.66	363.86	375.80	40.3	40.7	43.8	8.85	8.94	8.58
Fabricated Metals..........	315.17	318.35	306.91	40.2	40.4	42.1	7.84	7.88	7.29
Machinery..................	361.62	359.45	359.98	41.0	40.8	42.5	8.82	8.81	8.47
Electrical Equipment.......	280.28	275.81	271.17	39.7	39.8	40.9	7.06	6.93	6.63
Transportation Equipment...	426.71	421.70	383.04	40.6	40.2	39.9	10.51	10.49	9.60
Instruments and Clocks.....	309.20	301.95	318.28	40.9	40.1	43.6	7.56	7.53	7.30
Other Metallic Mfg.........	279.70	281.40	278.81	39.9	40.2	41.8	7.01	7.00	6.67
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	306.53	304.92	287.43	39.4	39.6	40.2	7.78	7.70	7.15
Food.......................	314.00	316.36	302.74	40.0	40.3	40.8	7.85	7.85	7.42
Textiles...................	243.91	237.07	242.40	36.9	37.1	40.4	6.61	6.39	6.00
Apparel....................	192.03	194.71	184.57	36.3	36.6	35.7	5.29	5.32	5.17
Lumber & Furniture.........	253.43	253.68	239.98	40.1	39.7	40.4	6.32	6.39	5.94
Paper......................	387.32	380.35	368.34	45.3	44.8	45.7	8.55	8.49	8.06
Printing & Publishing......	313.42	316.83	288.88	36.7	37.1	36.2	8.54	8.54	7.98
Chemicals..................	394.67	377.39	356.12	41.5	41.2	41.7	9.51	9.16	8.54
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	283.35	281.46	269.53	39.3	39.2	40.9	7.21	7.18	6.59
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	314.81	327.18	313.22	39.4	41.0	42.1	7.99	7.98	7.44
Construction...............	512.03	506.47	454.48	37.9	37.6	36.8	13.51	13.47	12.35

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Oct. 1982		Sept. 1982		Oct. 1981(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	110,800	6.9	103,100	6.4	91,300	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.4)		(6.9)		(6.4)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,600	10.2	1,700	10.7	1,400	8.4
Bridgeport.............	16,100	8.3	14,800	7.6	11,400	5.9
Bristol................	4,400	12.8	3,600	10.6	3,000	8.4
Danbury................	5,800	6.0	5,300	5.6	5,200	5.5
Danielson..............	2,900	10.6	2,600	9.3	2,500	8.9
Hartford...............	25,300	6.5	24,600	6.3	20,900	5.5
Meriden................	2,800	10.5	2,700	10.0	2,200	8.3
Middletown.............	3,100	5.4	3,100	5.3	3,100	5.4
New Britain............	6,700	9.1	6,200	8.4	4,900	6.6
New Haven..............	13,800	6.8	12,400	6.2	12,200	6.1
New London-Norwich.....	5,600	5.2	5,200	4.8	6,100	5.7
Norwalk................	2,900	3.8	2,900	3.7	3,000	3.9
Stamford...............	4,700	3.8	4,300	3.5	4,400	3.6
Torrington.............	3,900	9.6	3,600	9.0	2,900	7.3
Waterbury..............	9,600	8.8	8,900	8.2	6,900	6.5
Willimantic............	1,600	6.2	1,200	5.1	1,200	4.5
U.S. Total-Actual........	10,942,000	9.9	10,695,000	9.7	8,216,000	7.5
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.4)		(10.1)		(8.0)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '82	Sept. '82	Oct. '81
All Items..............	294.1	293.3	279.9
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 5.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

				Percent Change to October'82 from:	
Area	Oct.'82	Sept.'82	Oct.'81(R)	Sept.'82	Oct.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,810	7,930	8,490	- 1.5	- 8.0
Manufacturing	2,470	2,620	3,010	- 5.7	- 17.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,340	5,310	5,480	+ 0.6	- 2.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,180*	167,860	172,070*	- 0.4	- 2.8
Manufacturing	60,780*	61,970	65,200*	- 1.9	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	106,400*	105,890	106,870	+ 0.5	- 0.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,450	21,710*	23,490	- 1.2	- 8.7
Manufacturing	7,700	7,810	9,890	- 1.4	- 22.1
Nonmanufacturing	13,750	13,900*	13,600	- 1.1	+ 1.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	69,220	68,720	69,390	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Manufacturing	24,750	24,780	25,640	- 0.1	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	44,470	43,940	43,750	+ 1.2	+ 1.6
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,930	19,080	19,680	- 0.8	- 3.8
Manufacturing	8,280	8,580	9,090	- 3.5	- 8.9
Nonmanufacturing	10,650	10,500	10,590	+ 1.4	+ 0.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	398,900*	397,020*	399,880*	+ 0.5	- 0.2
Manufacturing	88,820*	89,620*	94,640*	- 0.9	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	310,080	307,400	305,240*	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,210	21,260	21,690	- 0.2	- 2.2
Manufacturing	5,250	5,400	5,520	- 2.8	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	15,960	15,860	16,170	+ 0.6	- 1.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	45,410	45,540	46,330	- 0.3	- 2.0
Manufacturing	14,110	14,360	15,460	- 1.7	- 8.7
Nonmanufacturing	31,300	31,180	30,870	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,930*	59,980*	63,540	- 0.1	- 5.7
Manufacturing	24,780*	25,120*	28,740	- 1.4	- 13.8
Nonmanufacturing	35,150	34,860	34,800	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	190,880*	189,880*	191,300	+ 0.5	- 0.2
Manufacturing	39,890*	39,450*	41,340	+ 1.1	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	150,990	150,430	149,960	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,100	96,410	95,640*	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	34,560	34,280	34,750*	+ 0.8	- 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	61,540	62,130	60,890*	- 0.9	+ 1.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,030	64,850	64,510	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	20,620	20,350	21,290	+ 1.3	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	44,410	44,500	43,220	- 0.2	+ 2.8

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Oct.'82	Sept.'82	Oct.'81(R)	Percent Change to October'82 from:	
				Sept.'82	Oct.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,100	113,060	112,740	- 0.8	- 0.6
Manufacturing	30,610	30,730	31,910	- 0.4	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	81,490	82,330	80,830	- 1.0	+ 0.8
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,240	28,300	29,440	- 0.2	- 4.1
Manufacturing	9,490	9,570	10,530	- 0.8	- 9.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,750	18,730	18,910	+ 0.1	- 0.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,530	88,070	88,480	- 0.6	- 1.1
Manufacturing	29,720	30,200	32,400	- 1.6	- 8.3
Nonmanufacturing	57,810	57,870	56,080	- 0.1	+ 3.1
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,590	18,610	21,020	+ 5.3	- 6.8
Manufacturing	2,540	2,740	2,840	- 7.3	- 10.7
Nonmanufacturing	17,050	15,870	18,180	+ 7.4	- 6.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
Ansonia	$401.12	$380.70	$376.66	43.6	42.3	43.9	$9.20	$9.00	$8.58
Bridgeport	351.82	352.00	339.20	40.3	40.6	42.4	8.73	8.67	8.00
Bristol	347.27	360.75	357.29	38.5	39.0	40.1	9.02	9.25	8.91
Danbury	329.64	319.20	317.12	42.7	42.0	43.5	7.72	7.60	7.29
Danielson	277.49	275.56	254.39	37.6	37.8	37.8	7.38	7.29	6.73
Hartford	365.89	359.48	336.61	40.7	40.3	40.9	8.99	8.92	8.23
Meriden	289.48	300.13	288.40	39.6	39.7	41.2	7.31	7.56	7.00
Middletown	350.95	340.86	328.35	39.7	39.0	39.8	8.84	8.74	8.25
New Britain	340.80	342.50	332.06	40.0	40.2	42.3	8.52	8.52	7.85
New Haven	318.67	319.87	300.60	39.1	39.2	39.5	8.15	8.16	7.61
New London-Norwich	358.99	354.48	325.21	40.2	40.1	40.1	8.93	8.84	8.11
Norwalk	335.58	334.59	321.90	42.0	42.3	43.5	7.99	7.91	7.40
Stamford	325.22	315.99	300.12	40.4	40.1	41.0	8.05	7.88	7.32
Torrington	238.64	242.89	235.42	38.0	38.8	39.5	6.28	6.26	5.96
Waterbury	280.76	283.11	273.19	39.6	40.1	41.9	7.09	7.06	6.52
Willimantic	266.53	267.85	256.62	39.9	39.8	42.0	6.68	6.73	6.11

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4065	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....	1395.8	1411.3	6742	6688	6.6	6.6
Sep....	1415.4 (R)	1412,6 (R)	6314	9774	6.4	6.9
Oct....	1416,5	1409,5	6560	9111	6.9	7,4
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10485	40.0	40.4	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0 (R)	3754	4469	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	8617	40.1	40.1	107.7	105.6
Nov....							
Dec....							

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MERIDEN ADDED TO LIST OF CONNECTICUT LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The city of Meriden has been designated by the U.S. Department of Labor as an area of labor surplus, effective November 1, 1982, and is added to the list of 18 other Connecticut municipalities so classified. This list, compiled annually, is in effect for the period from June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to direct a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need. The standard criterion for inclusion of an area on the list is that it must have had an average unemployment rate 20 percent greater than the national average unemployment rate during the reference period, January 1980 through December 1981. The national average unemployment rate for calendar years 1980 and 1981 was 7.5 percent of the labor force, thus the qualifying rate used in classifying labor surplus areas was 9.0 percent. A reference period of this length obscures the influence of cyclical or seasonal factors, therefore targeting areas of high structural unemployment resulting from a change in the relationship between the demand and availability of workers' skills. Areas may also receive this designation because of exceptional circumstances which cause a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period. This was the basis for the addition of Meriden where worsening economic conditions produced a dramatic rise in the city's jobless rate.

The 19 Connecticut municipalities presently designated as labor suprlus areas are as follows:

Ansonia
Bozrah
Bridgeport
Griswold
Killingly
Meriden
Plainfield
Plymouth
Pomfret
Putnam
Seymour
Sprague
Sterling
Thomaston
Thompson
Torrington
Voluntown
Waterbury
Winchester

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December 1982

Seasonal factors contributed to higher employment in Connecticut during November when there was some improvement in other economic indicators, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down slightly, personal income and weekly wages reached record levels, manufacturing output was up and new automobile registrations increased substantially.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment at 1,419,000 was 2,500 above the previous month with gains largely seasonal and in nonmanufacturing (page 2). The largest increases were in general merchandise and other retail trade. Manufacturing jobs were down by 800, mostly in machinery and fabricated metals. Compared with November 1981, manufacturing employment was off by 38,000 and nonmanufacturing was 11,000 higher. Employment rose over the month in nine labor markets and declined in seven (pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory production workers increased to a new average weekly high of $342.69, up from $336.04 in October and $325.40 last year, and the workweek was longer, 40.7 hours in November from 40.1 the previous month (page 3). Straight time earnings of $8.15 per hour and $326 weekly were unchanged. The highest weekly wages were paid to workers in the Ansonia area, $404.05, followed by Hartford, $374.92; New London-Norwich, $369.82 and Middletown, $364.42 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 110,100 or 6.9 percent, down 700 from October's 110,800 at the same 6.9 percent level (page 4). The seasonally adjusted figure, one-tenth of a percent lower at 7.3 percent, was well below the comparable national rate of 10.8 percent. Unemployment increases were recorded in 10 labor market areas, four had declines and the rate was unchanged in Bridgeport and Meriden.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the Connecticut economy, personal income of state residents reached an all-time high, manufacturing output increased and registrations for new cars were considerably higher than October and last November (page 7).

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An attached report describes a first quarter 1981 wage survey by race, sex and industry.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

November 1982

	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	% Change Nov. '82 over Oct. '82	% Change Nov. '82 over Nov. '81
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,419,000*	1,416,500*	1,446,000*	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Manufacturing.............	394,800*	395,600*	432,800	- 0.2	- 8.8
Metallic Manufacturing....	284,300*	284,700*	314,100	- 0.1	- 9.5
Primary Metals..........	16,600	16,600	19,100	0.0	- 13.1
Fabricated Metals........	57,700	58,200	65,600	- 0.9	- 12.0
Machinery, Ex. Elec......	47,000*	47,600*	56,100	- 1.3	- 16.2
Electrical Equipment.....	48,200	48,000	51,300	+ 0.4	- 6.0
Transportation Equipment.	83,400	82,600	85,200	+ 1.0	- 2.1
Instruments & Clocks.....	24,600	24,800	29,400	- 0.8	- 16.3
Other Metallic Mfg.......	6,800	6,900	7,400	- 1.4	- 8.1
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	110,500	110,900	118,700	- 0.4	- 6.9
Food.....................	12,100	12,000	12,400	+ 0.8	- 2.4
Textiles.................	6,900	6,900	8,200	0.0	- 15.8
Apparel..................	9,500	9,600	11,600	- 1.0	- 18.1
Furniture & Lumber.......	6,300	6,300	6,200	0.0	+ 1.6
Paper....................	9,800	9,800	10,100	0.0	- 3.0
Printing & Publishing....	24,900	25,000	25,800	- 0.4	- 3.5
Chemicals................	18,500	18,500	19,400	0.0	- 4.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	10,700	10,900	12,000	- 1.8	- 10.8
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,800	11,900	13,000	- 0.8	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,024,200	1,020,900*	1,013,200*	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Construction.............	53,300	53,900*	54,900	- 1.1	- 2.9
Transportation...........	31,800	32,000	31,900	- 0.6	- 0.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,800	12,800	12,700	0.0	+ 0.8
Other Transportation....	19,000	19,200	19,200	- 1.0	- 1.0
Communications...........	17,500	17,600	18,100	- 0.6	- 3.3
Utilities................	11,600	11,600	11,600	0.0	0.0
Trade....................	312,400	309,200	308,100	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Wholesale...............	81,200	81,200	78,300	0.0	+ 3.7
Retail..................	231,200	228,000	229,800	+ 1.4	+ 0.6
General Merchandise....	34,200	32,200	32,400	+ 6.2	+ 5.6
Food Stores............	41,600	41,600	41,100	0.0	+ 1.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	24,400	24,200	24,800	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Restaurants............	65,800	66,100	65,600	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Other Retail Trade.....	65,200	63,900	65,900	+ 2.0	- 1.1
Finance, Insurance & R.E.	116,200	116,000	112,700	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Banking.................	28,700	28,500	27,700	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Insurance...............	65,500	65,400	62,800	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Real Estate.............	10,000	10,100	10,100	- 1.0	- 1.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	12,000	12,000	12,100	0.0	- 0.8
Services.................	301,400	301,900	292,400	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Hotels..................	6,600	6,700	6,000	- 1.5	+ 10.0
Personal Services.......	14,700	14,700	14,000	0.0	+ 5.0
Business Services.......	61,800	61,600	59,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Health Services.........	102,300	102,000	100,400*	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Law & Professional......	21,200	21,200	20,500	0.0	+ 3.4
Educational Services....	29,800	30,100	27,200	- 1.0	+ 9.6
Other Services..........	65,000	65,600	64,700	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Government...............	180,000	178,700	183,500	+ 0.7	- 1.9
Federal.................	21,500	21,500	21,300	0.0	+ 0.9
State & Local...........	158,500	157,200	162,200	+ 0.8	- 2.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - NOVEMBER 1982

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$342.69	$336.04	$325.40	40.7	40.1	41.4	$8.42	$8.38	$7.86
Metallic Manufacturing......	354.60	348.25	338.16	40.9	40.4	41.8	8.67	8.62	8.09
Primary Metals............	371.62	356.66	373.68	41.2	40.3	43.1	9.02	8.85	8.67
Fabricated Metals..........	310.84	315.17	304.72	39.8	40.2	41.8	7.81	7.84	7.29
Machinery.................	366.39	361.62	369.80	41.4	41.0	42.9	8.85	8.82	8.62
Electrical Equipment.......	291.01	280.28	271.32	40.7	39.7	40.8	7.15	7.06	6.65
Transportation Equipment...	438.88	426.71	397.55	41.6	40.6	40.9	10.55	10.51	9.72
Instruments & Clocks.......	322.28	309.20	315.49	41.8	40.9	43.1	7.71	7.56	7.32
Other Metallic Mfg.........	279.20	279.70	279.89	40.0	39.9	41.9	6.98	7.01	6.68
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	313.94	306.53	289.52	40.3	39.4	40.1	7.79	7.78	7.22
Food......................	310.87	314.00	301.25	39.5	40.0	40.6	7.87	7.85	7.42
Textiles..................	255.15	243.91	235.98	38.6	36.9	39.2	6.61	6.61	6.02
Apparel...................	194.99	192.03	186.32	37.0	36.3	35.9	5.27	5.29	5.19
Lumber & Furniture.........	261.65	253.43	239.00	41.4	40.1	39.9	6.32	6.32	5.99
Paper.....................	392.79	387.32	366.57	45.2	45.3	45.2	8.69	8.55	8.11
Printing & Publishing......	317.53	313.42	292.56	37.4	36.7	36.8	8.49	8.54	7.95
Chemicals.................	396.16	394.67	363.96	42.1	41.5	41.5	9.41	9.51	8.77
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	292.66	283.35	276.34	40.2	39.3	41.0	7.28	7.21	6.74
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	326.42	314.81	315.14	40.6	39.4	42.3	8.04	7.99	7.45
Construction...............	511.06	512.03	463.51	37.8	37.9	37.2	13.52	13.51	12.46

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Nov. 1982		Oct. 1982		Nov. 1981(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	110,100	6.9	110,800	6.9	95,600	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.3)		(7.4)		(6.5)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,700	10.8	1,600	10.2	1,200	7.7
Bridgeport............	16,200	8.3	16,100	8.3	11,400	5.9
Bristol................	4,100	12.1	4,400	12.8	3,200	8.9
Danbury................	6,000	6.2	5,800	6.0	5,000	5.3
Danielson..............	3,000	10.8	2,900	10.6	2,900	10.2
Hartford...............	23,300	6.0	25,300	6.5	22,000	5.7
Meriden................	2,800	10.5	2,800	10.5	2,700	9.8
Middletown.............	3,300	5.7	3,100	5.4	3,300	5.7
New Britain............	6,800	9.3	6,700	9.1	5,200	7.0
New Haven..............	13,200	6.6	13,800	6.8	12,500	6.3
New London-Norwich.....	5,900	5.5	5,600	5.2	6,200	5.8
Norwalk................	3,400	4.4	2,900	3.8	3,500	4.6
Stamford...............	4,800	3.9	4,700	3.8	4,500	3.7
Torrington.............	4,200	10.5	3,900	9.6	3,100	7.6
Waterbury..............	10,100	9.5	9,600	8.8	7,700	7.2
Willimantic............	1,300	5.2	1,600	6.2	1,200	4.7
U.S. Total-Actual........	11,476,000	10.4	10,942,000	9.9	8,676,000	7.9
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.8)		(10.4)		(8.3)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Nov. '82	Oct. '82	Nov. '81
All Items..............	293.6	294.1	280.7
Percent Change From....	xxx	- 0.2	+ 4.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'82	Oct.'82	Nov.'81 (R)	Percent Change to November 1982 from:	
				Oct.'82	Nov.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,830	7,810	8,500	+ 0.3	- 7.9
Manufacturing	2,470	2,470	3,020	0.0	- 18.2
Nonmanufacturing	5,360	5,340	5,480	+ 0.4	- 2.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,970	167,180*	172,600	+ 0.5	- 2.7
Manufacturing	60,830	60,780*	65,060	- 0.1	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	107,140	106,400*	107,540	+ 0.7	- 0.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,310	21,450	23,460	- 0.7	- 9.2
Manufacturing	7,640	7,700	9,790	- 0.8	- 22.0
Nonmanufacturing	13,670	13,750	13,670	- 0.6	0.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	69,320	69,220	69,360	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	24,750	24,750	25,400	0.0	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	44,570	44,470	43,960	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,870	18,930	19,470	- 0.3	- 3.1
Manufacturing	8,240	8,280	8,860	- 0.5	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,630	10,650	10,610	- 0.2	+ 0.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	400,310*	398,900*	400,640	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Manufacturing	89,000*	88,820*	94,330	+ 0.2	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	311,310	310,080	306,310	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,600	21,210	21,750*	+ 1.8	- 0.7
Manufacturing	5,320	5,250	5,570	+ 1.3	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	16,280	15,960	16,180*	+ 2.0	+ 0.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	45,270	45,410	46,340	- 0.3	- 2.3
Manufacturing	14,010	14,110	15,330	- 0.7	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	31,260	31,300	31,010	- 0.1	+ 0.8
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,990*	59,930*	63,720	- 0.1	- 5.8
Manufacturing	24,750*	24,780*	28,730	- 0.1	- 13.9
Nonmanufacturing	35,240	35,150	34,990	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	191,110	190,880*	191,360*	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	39,840	39,890*	41,250*	- 0.1	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	151,270	150,990	150,110	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,330	96,100	95,730*	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	34,850	34,560	34,720	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	61,480	61,540	61,010*	- 0.1	+ 0.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,990	65,030	64,570	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	20,560	20,620	21,320	- 0.3	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	44,430	44,410	43,250	+ 0.1	+ 2.7

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'82	Oct.'82	Nov.'81 (R)	Percent Change to November 1982 from: Oct.'82	Nov.'81
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,450	112,100	113,280	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Manufacturing	30,550	30,610	32,100	- 0.2	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	81,900	81,490	81,180	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,100	28,240	29,280	- 0.5	- 4.0
Manufacturing	9,470	9,490	10,460	- 0.2	- 9.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,630	18,750	18,820	- 0.6	- 1.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	86,530	87,530	88,660	- 1.1	- 2.4
Manufacturing	28,850	29,720	32,310	- 2.9	- 10.7
Nonmanufacturing	57,680	57,810	56,350	- 0.2	+ 2.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,640	19,590	20,910	+ 5.4	- 1.3
Manufacturing	2,540	2,540	2,860	0.0	- 11.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,100	17,050	18,050	+ 6.2	+ 0.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1982	Oct. 1982	Nov. 1981
Ansonia	$404.05	$ 401.12	$381.45	43.4	43.6	44.2	$9.31	$9.20	$8.63
Bridgeport	358.16	351.82	344.16	40.7	40.3	42.7	8.80	8.73	8.06
Bristol	344.45	347.27	352.74	38.4	38.5	39.5	8.97	9.02	8.93
Danbury	331.93	329.64	315.19	42.5	42.7	43.0	7.81	7.72	7.33
Danielson	294.28	277.49	252.59	39.5	37.6	37.2	7.45	7.38	6.79
Hartford	374.92	365.89	342.37	41.2	40.7	41.2	9.10	8.99	8.31
Meriden	307.04	289.48	303.58	40.4	39.6	43.0	7.60	7.31	7.06
Middletown	364.42	350.95	337.79	40.9	39.7	40.6	8.91	8.84	8.32
New Britain	354.60	340.80	331.06	40.9	40.0	41.8	8.67	8.52	7.92
New Haven	319.45	318.67	304.50	39.1	39.1	39.7	8.17	8.15	7.67
New London-Norwich	369.82	358.99	332.11	41.0	40.2	40.6	9.02	8.93	8.18
Norwalk	335.62	335.58	333.76	41.9	42.0	44.8	8.01	7.99	7.45
Stamford	331.68	325.22	299.88	40.4	40.4	40.8	8.21	8.05	7.35
Torrington	242.70	238.64	241.40	38.1	38.0	40.3	6.37	6.28	5.99
Waterbury	282.50	280.76	268.21	40.3	39.6	41.2	7.01	7.09	6.51
Willimantic	280.80	266.53	263.92	41.6	39.9	42.5	6.75	6.68	6.21

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....	1395.8	1411.3	6742	6688	6.6	6.6
Sep....	1415.4(R)	1412,6(R)	6314	9774	6.4	6.9
Oct....	1416.5	1409.5	6560	9111	6.9	7.4
Nov....	1419.0	1407.7	7771	9512	6.9	7.3
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10485	40.0	40.4	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0(R)	3754	4469	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	8617	40.1	40.1	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	17309	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....							

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MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS BY RACE, SEX AND INDUSTRY[1]

A recent study conducted by the Office of Research and Information of the Connecticut Department of Labor on private sector employees showed significant differences in median weekly earnings depending on a worker's race, sex and the industry in which he or she was employed. The study, based on wage record data for the first quarter of 1981, revealed that whites fared better than blacks, the median wage for men was higher than that for women, and manufacturing workers generally had higher wages than those working in nonmanufacturing industries.

Total employment in Connecticut's private nonfarm industries during the survey quarter averaged 1,233,500, representing about 78 percent of the state's labor force. Over 91 percent of these workers were white, 7.3 percent were black and 1.6 percent were of other races. Females made up 42.5 percent of the total. Median weekly wages for all private nonagricultural workers were $228.69.

The data showed that in general men made almost twice as much money as women. Male workers averaged $316.40 per week while the average for women was $165.09 or 52.2 percent of the male wage. The large difference is due in some part to the greater proportion of females who work part-time. As shown in a study conducted in 1979 by the U.S. Department of Commerce[2], approximately 34 percent of the national female workforce works part-time compared to 12 percent of male workers. This situation probably did not change significantly between 1979 and 1981. A review of literature in the field indicates that another reason for the difference between the sexes in median wage is that women workers tend to be clustered in lower paying jobs traditionally held by females. The retail, service, and finance, insurance and real estate industries have the highest concentrations of women workers. In these industries most women work as cashiers, office and sales clerks, bookkeepers, food and health service workers, typists and secretaries. Such jobs often, though not always, pay less than other white collar and skilled blue collar occupations generally held by men.

The difference in median wage rates among races was also substantial. Whites earned a weekly average of $232.27; blacks $198.53; and "other" races $190.52. Since the wage records used in the survey do not indicate the type of occupation involved, it can only be assumed that the earnings differentials were the result of differences in occupations.

Variations in median earnings by industry were also marked. Manufacturing workers earned just over $300 per week while those in nonmanufacturing industries averaged $180.34, about 60 percent of the median factory workers' wage. A larger proportion of part-timers in the nonfactory sector could account for much of the difference in wages in these two major industrial categories. While the highest paid workers were found in utilities firms where a median wage of $416.36 per week was paid, this industry employs only 11,000 people, a small number in comparison to the giant retail sector where 221,000 people work at a median wage of $99.76. Workers in the restaurant industry, a subsection of the retail group, received the lowest median wage at $70.69 per week.

The study producing this information was based on a two percent sample of workers randomly chosen from quarterly employer reports required for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Program. Estimates are based on data which include full and part-time workers, as well as the wage records of many who did not work the full quarter. It should also be noted that the median wage tends to be much lower than the usually published arithmetic average, since the latter is more readilly influenced by the earnings of a few very highly paid workers. In addition, wages developed from this study may not be consistent with those from other studies due to the size and method of selecting the sample. The intent of this study is to give a general comparison of selected median wage rates in Connecticut and should not be used as a reference guide for other purposes. The table opposite shows total private nonagricultural employment and median weekly earnings for selected industries.

1/ The median average was used in this report because it is least affected by extremes. It represents the middle value of a set of observations. Thus a median weekly wage of $228.69 indicates that the number of workers earning less than this amount is equal to the number earning more.

2/ U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-23, No. 118, "Wage and Salary Data From the Income Survey Development Program: 1979", U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1982.

CONNECTICUT MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS IN PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT
BY SEX, RACE AND INDUSTRY
1ST QUARTER 1981

Industry	Private Nonagricultural Employment	Both Sexes	Male	Female	---------Both Sexes---------		
					White	Black	Other
Private Nonag. Empl.	1,233,500	$228.69	$316.40	$165.09	$232.37	$198.53	$190.52
Manufacturing	440,300*	300.81	359.50	203.48	305.24	271.66	224.68
Metallic Manufacturing	323,100	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Primary Metals	19,500*	311.87	339.33	242.50	315.00	300.00	250.00
Fabricated Metals	65,200	279.87	338.48	199.41	284.54	240.00	220.00
Machinery ex. Elc.	58,900	313.50	350.64	220.40	315.00	278.57	290.00
Electrical Equipment	51,400	243.72	347.69	178.09	252.88	194.44	132.00
Transp. Equipment	90,700	387.22	410.68	301.53	395.70	341.53	337.50
Instruments	29,600	227.24	357,22	201.57	284.00	224.00	255.00
Other Metallic Mfg.	7,800	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	117,200*	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Food	12,500	270.90	307.00	172.00	272.00	253.33	245.00
Textiles	7,900	196.92	230.00	164.37	201.81	150.00	190.00
Apparel	10,600	154.00	222.00	142.17	156.66	160.00	135.00
Lumber & Furniture	6,500*	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Paper	10,200	326.42	370.00	236.00	331.81	250.00	**
Printing & Publishing	24,800	242.60	310.40	186.66	245.78	197.50	**
Chemicals	19,300	317.89	401.00	234.28	326.25	284.00	310.00
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	12,900	235.00	285.71	181.25	241.53	176.66	**
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.	12,500	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Nonmanufacturing	793,200*	180.34	263.76	146.58	182.39	156.08	170.90
Construction	44,100	283.57	300.30	212.00	288.48	230.00	210.00
Transp., Comm. & Utils.	60,800	332,92	410.71	242.00	346.00	292.50	**
Transportation	31,800	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Communications	17,900	388.33	482.50	296.00	405.66	310.00	**
Utilities	11,100	416.36	445.38	290.00	424.54	296.66	**
Trade	297,100	135.46	211.41	93.75	136.89	120.66	136.00
Wholesale	76,100	267.05	327.88	192.96	268.38	253.33	233.33
Retail (Incl. Restaurants)	221,000	99.76	147.22	79.09	100.23	88.46	105.71
Restaurants	65,200	70.69	79.45	65.39	69.68	77.77	100.00
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	108,200	241.63	383.14	201.01	247.30	185.71	233.33
Service	283,000*	171.22	238.61	152.03	173.50	144.61	193.75
Hotels	5,700	102.22	120.00	97.50	91.00	135.00	**
Personal Services	14,100	120.93	157.77	104.09	114.81	133.75	**
Business Services	56,300	140.00	223.33	100.78	148.80	65.00	150.00
Health Services	96,600*	184.96	270.66	175.91	183.45	181.57	250.00
Law & Professional Services	19,900	**	**	**	**	**	**
Educational Services	29,400	208.14	288.75	181.37	215.83	160.00	**
Other Services	61,000	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

INA: Information not available.
* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Sample size insufficient.

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January 1983

State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro announced that there was little net change in the labor situation in Connecticut in December: both employment and unemployment edged higher while the seasonally adjusted jobless rate declined by a tenth of a percentage point for the second month in a row.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonfarm wage and salary employment in the State rose to 1,424,100 in December, up 5,100 from November. Many small increases among transportation equipment producers served to offset losses by most other manufacturing industries. The usual pre-holiday hiring by retail establishments and small gains by providers of services boosted nonmanufacturing employment as expected. Also taking place were seasonal reductions in the construction industry and a drop in employment in state government due to the furloughing of some part-time student help at the state's educational institutions. Overall nonmanufacturing employment was 1.4 percent greater than last December, but this was not sufficient to offset a year-round drop of 8.6 percent in the factory sector. Nine labor market areas experienced growth in employment from November to December, in two the level declined and five were essentially unchanged. From a year ago, however, all but two areas reported employment reductions (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of the state's factory production workers rose by eleven cents to $8.53 in mid-December. The workweek was extended to 40.9 hours, up two-tenth of an hour from last month but not as high as last year's 41.7 hour average. These factors combined to raise the average weekly wage by $6.19 over the month to $348.88 in December. Straight time earnings rose nine cents from November to $8.24 per hour or $329.60 for the week. The year-round gain in straight time earnings amounted to sixty-two cents per hour or 8.1 percent.

Unemployment: The number of jobless workers in Connecticut increased by 3,000 to a total of 113,100 in December. When adjusted for seasonality, however, the jobless rate edged lower by a tenth of a point to 7.2 percent of the labor force (page 4). This was the second such dip in the seasonally adjusted rate in as many months. Nine labor market areas in the state showed increased levels of unemployment in December, in three the levels declined and in four they were unchanged. Although Connecticut's jobless rate is up from a year ago because of factory layoffs, it compares favorably with the 10.8 percent U.S. rate for December. In November, the last month for which full data are available, only four states had lower unemployment rates than Connecticut: South Dakota, 5.6 percent; Massachusetts, 6.5 percent; Oklahoma, 6.6 percent; and Vermont, with a 6.7 percent rate. Wyoming and North Dakota matched Connecticut's 6.9 percent unadjusted rate for that month. Also in November the Stamford area had the lowest jobless rate (3.9 percent) of any of the 221 metropolitan areas for which the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes data. Neighboring Norwalk, just marginally higher, is not covered by the Bureau's report.

Other Indicators: Of the seven seasonally adjusted economic indicators reported in tabular form on page 7, three improved in December and four worsened. Most changes were marginal, however, the only one to show significant improvement was initial claims for unemployment compensation which fell below the 9,000 level for the first time in four months. Of the worsening indicators, the single sizeable movement was in new auto registrations which have followed an erratic month-to-month pattern since July. For all of 1982, new auto registrations totaled 102,764, down by almost nine percent from the 112,621 units registered in 1981.

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A report of federally designated "Labor Surplus Areas" in Connecticut appears on the back page of this report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

December 1982

	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981(R)	% Change Dec. '82 over Nov. '82	% Change Dec. '82 over Dec. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,424,100*	1,419,000*	1,447,100	+ 0.4	- 1.6
Manufacturing............	393,900*	394,800*	430,900	- 0.2	- 8.6
Metallic Manufacturing...	284,500*	284,300*	312,700	+ 0.1	- 9.0
Primary Metals..........	16,300	16,600	18,900	- 1.8	- 13.8
Fabricated Metals........	58,000	57,700	65,100	+ 0.5	- 10.9
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	46,800*	47,000*	55,400	- 0.4	- 15.5
Electrical Equipment....	48,100	48,200	51,400	- 0.2	- 6.4
Transportation Equipment	84,300	83,400	85,300	+ 1.1	- 1.2
Instruments & Clocks....	24,200	24,600	29,200	- 1.6	- 17.1
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,800	6,800	7,400	0.0	- 8.1
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	109,400	110,500	118,200	- 1.0	- 7.4
Food....................	11,800	12,100	12,400	- 2.5	- 4.8
Textiles................	6,800	6,900	8,100	- 1.4	- 16.1
Apparel.................	9,200	9,500	11,700	- 3.2	- 21.4
Furniture & Lumber......	6,300	6,300	6,200	0.0	+ 1.6
Paper...................	9,700	9,800	10,000	- 1.0	- 3.0
Printing & Publishing...	24,900	24,900	25,600	0.0	- 2.7
Chemicals...............	18,400	18,500	19,400	- 0.5	- 5.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	10,600	10,700	11,800	- 0.9	- 10.2
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,700	11,800	13,000	- 0.8	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,030,200*	1,024,200	1,016,200	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Construction............	51,400*	53,300	52,300	- 3.6	- 1.7
Transportation..........	32,000	31,800	32,000	+ 0.6	0.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg	13,000	12,800	12,700	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Other Transportation...	19,000	19,000	19,300	0.0	- 1.6
Communications..........	17,500	17,500	18,200	0.0	- 3.8
Utilities...............	11,700	11,600	11,600	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Trade...................	319,300	312,400	312,800	+ 2.2	+ 2.1
Wholesale..............	81,900	81,200	78,700	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
Retail.................	237,400	231,200	234,100	+ 2.7	+ 1.4
General Merchandise...	37,600	34,200	36,100	+ 9.9	+ 4.2
Food Stores...........	41,900	41,600	41,300	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta..	24,500	24,400	24,700	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Restaurants...........	66,000	65,800	65,800	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Other Retail Trade....	67,400	65,200	66,200	+ 3.4	+ 1.8
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	116,200	116,200	113,300	0.0	+ 2.6
Banking................	28,900	28,700	27,900	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Insurance..............	65,200	65,500	63,000	- 0.5	+ 3.5
Real Estate............	10,000	10,000	10,200	0.0	- 2.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,100	12,000	12,200	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Services................	302,400*	301,400	292,200	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Hotels.................	6,500*	6,600	6,000	- 1.5	+ 8.3
Personal Services......	14,900	14,700	14,200	+ 1.4	+ 4.9
Business Services......	62,100	61,800	59,900	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Health Services.........	102,500	102,300	100,300	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Law & Professional.....	21,400	21,200	20,800	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Educational Services...	30,000	29,800	27,200	+ 0.7	+ 10.3
Other Services.........	65,000	65,000	63,800	0.0	+ 1.9
Government..............	179,700	180,000	183,800	- 0.2	- 2.2
Federal................	21,400	21,500	21,500	- 0.5	- 0.5
State & Local..........	158,300	158,500	162,300	- 0.1	- 2.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - DECEMBER 1982

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$348.88	$342.69	$331.52	40.9	40.7	41.7	$8.53	$8.42	$7.95
Metallic Manufacturing......	361.32	354.60	345.62	41.2	40.9	42.2	8.77	8.67	8.19
Primary Metals.............	378.29	371.62	373.25	41.8	41.2	43.3	9.05	9.02	8.62
Fabricated Metals..........	317.56	310.84	306.39	40.3	39.8	41.8	7.88	7.81	7.33
Machinery..................	373.15	366.39	374.09	41.6	41.4	43.6	8.97	8.85	8.58
Electrical Equipment.......	291.51	291.01	272.28	40.6	40.7	40.7	7.18	7.15	6.69
Transportation Equipment...	447.02	438.88	418.67	41.7	41.6	41.7	10.72	10.55	10.04
Instruments & Clocks.......	331.14	322.28	324.25	42.4	41.8	43.7	7.81	7.71	7.42
Other Metallic Mfg.........	273.74	279.20	289.68	39.5	40.0	42.6	6.93	6.98	6.80
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	317.97	313.94	294.52	40.3	40.3	40.4	7.89	7.79	7.29
Food.......................	314.79	310.87	308.10	40.1	39.5	41.3	7.85	7.87	7.46
Textiles...................	258.57	255.15	237.55	39.0	38.6	39.2	6.63	6.61	6.06
Apparel....................	188.80	194.99	183.02	36.1	37.0	35.4	5.23	5.27	5.17
Lumber & Furniture.........	259.16	261.65	240.60	41.4	41.4	40.1	6.26	6.32	6.00
Paper......................	395.50	392.79	377.92	45.2	45.2	46.2	8.75	8.69	8.18
Printing & Publishing......	329.24	317.53	303.62	37.8	37.4	38.0	8.71	8.49	7.99
Chemicals..................	410.12	396.16	375.11	42.9	42.1	42.1	9.56	9.41	8.91
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	293.66	292.66	277.98	39.9	40.2	40.7	7.36	7.28	6.83
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	330.07	326.42	315.00	40.4	40.6	42.0	8.17	8.04	7.50
Construction...............	528.75	511.06	472.63	37.5	37.8	37.6	14.10	13.52	12.57

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Dec. 1982		Nov. 1982		Dec. 1981(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	113,100	7.1	110,100	6.9	102,600	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.2)		(7.3)		(6.6)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,700	10.9	1,700	10.8	1,200	7.5
Bridgeport.............	15,400	7.9	16,200	8.3	12,500	6.4
Bristol................	4,500	13.0	4,100	12.1	3,400	9.4
Danbury................	6,000	6.2	6,000	6.2	5,500	5.8
Danielson..............	3,200	11.6	3,000	10.8	2,800	10.3
Hartford...............	23,600	6.1	23,300	6.0	24,000	6.2
Meriden................	2,800	10.5	2,800	10.5	2,600	9.7
Middletown.............	3,700	6.3	3,300	5.7	3,500	6.0
New Britain............	6,400	8.8	6,800	9.3	6,500	8.5
New Haven..............	14,200	7.0	13,200	6.6	12,700	6.4
New London-Norwich.....	6,100	5.6	5,900	5.5	6,100	5.6
Norwalk................	3,200	4.1	3,400	4.4	3,400	4.5
Stamford...............	4,900	4.0	4,800	3.9	4,700	3.8
Torrington.............	4,900	12.0	4,200	10.5	4,200	10.1
Waterbury..............	11,200	10.4	10,100	9.5	8,200	7.7
Willimantic............	1,300	5.2	1,300	5.2	1,300	4.8
U.S. Total-Actual........	11,628,000	10.5	11,476,000	10.4	9,013,000	8.3
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.8)		(10.7)(R)		(8.6)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Dec. '82	Nov. '82	Dec. '81
All Items..............	292.4	293.6	281.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	- 0.4	- 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'82	Nov.'82	Dec.'81 (R)	Percent Change to December 1982 from: Nov.'82	Dec.'81
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,900	7,830	8,500	+ 0.9	- 7.1
Manufacturing	2,450	2,470	2,970	- 0.8	- 17.5
Nonmanufacturing	5,450	5,360	5,530	+ 1.7	- 1.4
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	168,520	167,970	173,140	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Manufacturing	60,520	60,830	65,050	- 0.5	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	108,000	107,140	108,090	+ 0.8	- 0.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,400	21,310	23,230	+ 0.4	- 7.9
Manufacturing	7,570	7,640	9,500	- 0.9	- 20.3
Nonmanufacturing	13,830	13,670	13,730	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	69,310	69,320	69,690	** 0.0	- 0.5
Manufacturing	24,440	24,750	25,470	- 1.3	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	44,870	44,570	44,220	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,660	18,870	19,140	- 1.1	- 2.5
Manufacturing	8,190	8,240	8,720	- 0.6	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	10,470	10,630	10,420	- 1.5	+ 0.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,820*	400,310*	403,430	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Manufacturing	89,450*	89,000*	93,710	+ 0.5	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	312,370	311,310	309,720	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,600	21,600	22,050	0.0	- 2.0
Manufacturing	5,340	5,320	5,500	+ 0.4	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	16,260	16,280	16,550	- 0.1	- 1.8
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	45,490	45,270	46,640	+ 0.5	- 2.5
Manufacturing	14,030	14,010	15,420	+ 0.1	- 9.0
Nonmanufacturing	31,460	31,260	31,220	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	60,100*	59,990*	63,510	+ 0.2	- 5.4
Manufacturing	24,810*	24,750*	28,450	+ 0.2	- 12.8
Nonmanufacturing	35,290	35,240	35,060	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	191,130*	191,110	192,180*	** 0.0	- 0.5
Manufacturing	39,180	39,840	41,180*	- 1.7	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	151,950*	151,270	151,000	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	97,350	96,330	96,590*	+ 1.1	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	35,160	34,850	34,840	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	62,190	61,480	61,750*	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,150	64,990	64,790	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	20,550	20,560	21,150	- 0.1	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	44,600	44,430	43,640	+ 0.4	+ 2.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Dec.'82	Nov.'82	Dec.'81 (R)	Percent Change t December 1982 fr Nov.'82	Dec.
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,020	112,450	114,280	+ 0.5	-
Manufacturing	30,370	30,550	32,150	- 0.6	-
Nonmanufacturing	82,650	81,900	82,130	+ 0.9	+
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,160	28,100	29,300	+ 0.2	-
Manufacturing	9,450	9,470	10,420	- 0.2	-
Nonmanufacturing	18,710	18,630	18,880	+ 0.4	-
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	85,520	86,530	88,580	- 1.2	-
Manufacturing	28,120	28,850	31,950	- 2.5	- 1
Nonmanufacturing	57,400	57,680	56,630	- 0.5	+
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,650	20,640	20,990	+ 0.1	-
Manufacturing	2,540	2,540	2,840	0.0	- 1
Nonmanufacturing	18,110	18,100	18,150	+ 0.1	-

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
**Less than 0.05 percent.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earni		
	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	Dec. 1981	Dec. 1982	Nov. 1982	De 19
Ansonia	$409.26	$404.05	$386.30	43.4	43.4	44.3	$9.43	$9.31	$8.
Bridgeport	360.45	358.16	342.98	40.5	40.7	42.5	8.90	8.80	8.
Bristol	353.31	344.45	348.49	39.3	38.4	39.2	8.99	8.97	8.
Danbury	335.26	331.93	319.12	42.6	42.5	43.3	7.87	7.81	7.
Danielson	301.95	294.28	254.82	40.1	39.5	37.2	7.53	7.45	6.
Hartford	379.35	374.92	352.80	41.1	41.2	41.9	9.23	9.10	8.
Meriden	314.91	307.04	314.92	41.6	40.4	43.8	7.57	7.60	7.
Middletown	363.37	364.42	353.22	40.6	40.9	42.0	8.95	8.91	8.
New Britain	360.91	354.60	331.23	41.2	40.9	41.3	8.76	8.67	8.
New Haven	327.53	319.45	308.43	39.7	39.1	39.9	8.25	8.17	7.
New London-Norwich	378.98	369.82	341.55	41.6	41.0	41.4	9.11	9.02	8.
Norwalk	365.48	335.62	333.75	44.3	41.9	44.5	8.25	8.01	7.
Stamford	333.56	331.68	304.47	39.9	40.4	41.2	8.36	8.21	7.
Torrington	241.28	242.70	248.24	37.7	38.1	41.1	6.40	6.37	6.
Waterbury	290.69	282.50	271.17	41.0	40.3	41.4	7.09	7.01	6.
Willimantic	272.28	280.80	252.34	40.1	41.6	40.7	6.79	6.75	6.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981						
Jan....	1418.4	1433.2	7433	5402	6.7	6.1
Feb....	1414.7	1435.5	4533	5168	6.7	6.1
Mar....	1422.9	1436.0	4055	5344	6.3	6.0
Apr....	1435.5	1434.5	4644	5210	6.1	6.1
May....	1448.7	1437.7	3941	5355	5.7	6.0
Jun....	1457.8	1437.9	5786	6065	6.1	6.0
Jul....	1432.7	1443.7	8374	5379	6.4	6.0
Aug....	1426.4	1441.8	5877	5830	6.2	6.1
Sep....	1441.3	1438.0	3896	6174	5.6	6.2
Oct....	1441.9	1435.3	4729	6564	5.8	6.4
Nov....	1446.0	1433.8	5751	7042	6.0	6.5
Dec....	1447.1	1428.8	10279	6196	6.4	6.6
1982						
Jan....	1417.7	1432.0	8581	6236	7.7	6.5
Feb....	1409.6	1429.6	5890	6716	7.6	6.8
Mar....	1413.9	1426.7	5394	7107	7.1	7.0
Apr....	1417.7	1416.3	6211	6971	6.9	7.3
May....	1425.2	1413.9	6148	8353	6.5	7.3
Jun....	1429.4	1409.7	7493	7855	6.9	6.9
Jul....	1406.4	1417.7	10612	6816	7.1	6.9
Aug....	1395.8	1411.3	6742	6688	6.6	6.6
Sep....	1415.4(R)	1412.6(R]	6314	9774	6.4	6.9
Oct....	1416.5	1409.5	6560	9111	6.9	7.4
Nov....	1419.0	1407.7	7771	9512	6.9	7.3
Dec....	1424.1	1405.8	11922	7186	7.1	7.2

	Personal Income Millions (R)	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1981							
Jan....	3277.0	9052	10565	42.1	41.8	119.7	115.1
Feb....	3298.0	7491	9347	41.8	41.9	119.4	115.4
Mar....	3319.7	11387	9435	41.8	41.8	120.3	115.2
Apr....	3325.2	12979	12049	41.5	41.7	119.3	115.7
May....	3340.8	9161	8845	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	3367.2	9387	8104	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.4
Jul....	3422.4	9219	9015	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.4
Aug....	3447.9	9888	9130	41.3	41.7	104.7	118.7
Sep....	3460.6	8120	9430	41.0	41.2	119.3	117.6
Oct....	3473.4	8742	8419	41.3	41.3	119.0	116.6
Nov....	3488.1	8694	10297	41.4	41.0	118.8	114.5
Dec....	3502.8	8501	8415	41.7	41.0	107.0	112.9
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7359	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6080	40.8	40.9	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7698	40.9	40.9	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5068	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	7847	40.5	40.7	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	8728	40.2	40.2	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8076	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10485	40.0	40.4	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0(R)	3754	4469	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	8617	40.1	40.1	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	17309	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	11388	40.9	40.2	99.3	104.7

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BRISTOL INCLUDED ON LIST OF CONNECTICUT LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The city of Bristol has been designated by the U.S. Department of Labor as an area of labor surplus, effective January 1, 1983, and is added to the list of 19 other Connecticut municipalities so classified. This list, compiled annually, is in effect for the period from June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to direct a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need. The standard criterion for inclusion of an area on the list is that it must have had an average unemployment rate 20 percent greater than the national average unemployment rate during the reference period, January 1980 through December 1981. The national average unemployment rate for calendar years 1980 and 1981 was 7.5 percent of the labor force, thus the qualifying rate used in classifying labor surplus areas was 9.0 percent. A reference period of this length obscures the influence of cyclical or seasonal factors, therefore targeting areas of high structural unemployment resulting from a change in the relationship between the demand and availability of workers' skills.

Areas may also receive this designation because of exceptional circumstances which cause a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period. This was the basis for the addition of Bristol, where worsening economic conditions produced a considerable increase in the city's jobless rate.

The 20 Connecticut municipalities presently designated as labor surplus areas are as follows:

Ansonia
Bozrah
Bridgeport
Bristol
Griswold
Killingly
Meriden
Plainfield
Plymouth
Pomfret
Putnam
Seymour
Sprague
Sterling
Thomaston
Thompson
Torrington
Voluntown
Waterbury
Winchester

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Seasonal downturns, primarily in such nonmanufacturing categories as trade and construction, resulted in lower January employment and increased unemployment while some other economic indicators improved slightly, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: An estimated 1,404,800 people were working in nonfarm jobs in January, down from 1,439,900 in December and 1,414,400 a year ago (page 2). Seasonal, post-holiday reductions in both wholesale and retail trade were responsible for a 15,300 decline and construction was off by 7,600 jobs. Another significant decrease, 5,100, occurred in services. Temporary layoffs and shutdowns accounted for a 2,500 drop in manufacturing employment. Compared with last year, January's nonmanufacturing employment was up by 2.1 percent and manufacturing was 6.9 percent lower.

The weekly pay of factory production workers in January averaged $347.58, reflecting a one-cent rise from December in hourly earnings to $8.54 and a reduction in the workweek from 40.9 to 40.7 hours. In January 1982, factory workers earned an average of $327.20 at $8.00 hourly for a 40.9-hour week (page 3). Straight time hourly and weekly earnings at $8.27 and $330.80 were up four-tenths of a percent from December and compared with $7.73 and $309.20 last year. Areas where workers received the highest average weekly earnings were Ansonia, New London-Norwich, Hartford, Norwalk, Bridgeport and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 131,300 or 8.3 percent in January, up from a revised 113,500 or 7 percent in December (see note), and the seasonally adjusted rate was 7.2 percent, down from 7.4. Last year it was 6.5 percent (page 4). Unemployment was up in all labor markets.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents once again reached a new monthly high in January when new car registrations also increased. Manufacturing output recorded a gain (page 7).

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Note; Labor force, employment and unemployment estimates in this report have annual revisions based on new data developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Also, this economic report has a table of quarterly averages of weekly earnings by industry for workers covered by unemployment compensation laws for 1981 and the final quarter of 1980.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

January 1983

	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982 (R)	Jan. 1982 (R)	% Change Jan. '83 over Dec. '82	% Change Jan. '83 over Jan. '82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,404,800*	1,439,900*	1,414,400	- 2.4	- 0.7
Manufacturing.............	402,700*	405,200*	432,600	- 0.6	- 6.9
Metallic Manufacturing...	287,000*	288,700*	313,600	- 0.6	- 8.5
Primary Metals..........	16,100	16,300	18,300	- 1.2	- 12.0
Fabricated Metals.......	56,700	57,700	63,500	- 1.7	- 10.7
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	46,700*	47,000*	56,900	- 0.6	- 17.9
Electrical Equipment....	49,100	49,400	51,400	- 0.6	- 4.5
Transportation Equipment	85,600	85,000	86,700	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Instruments & Clocks....	26,600	26,900	30,000	- 1.1	- 11.3
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,200	6,400	6,800	- 3.1	- 8.8
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	115,700	116,500	119,000	- 0.7	- 2.8
Food....................	12,900	12,800	13,100	+ 0.8	- 1.5
Textiles................	7,000	7,200	7,900	- 2.8	- 11.4
Apparel.................	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Lumber......	6,100	6,200	6,500	- 1.6	- 6.2
Paper...................	9,700	10,000	10,100	- 3.0	- 4.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,500	25,200	25,500	+ 1.2	0.0
Chemicals...............	21,600	21,600	21,000	0.0	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,000	12,200	13,100	- 1.6	- 8.4
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	10,900	11,300	11,800	- 3.5	- 7.6
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,002,100	1,034,700*	981,800	- 3.2	+ 2.1
Construction............	43,500	51,100	44,300	- 14.9	- 1.8
Transportation..........	30,600	32,100	31,000	- 4.7	- 1.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg	11,700	12,800	12,100	- 8.6	- 3.3
Other Transportation...	18,900	19,300	18,900	- 2.1	0.0
Communications..........	18,400	18,500	18,800	- 0.5	- 2.1
Utilities...............	11,600	11,700	11,600	- 0.8	0.0
Trade...................	301,900	317,200	295,600	- 4.8	+ 2.1
Wholesale..............	78,500	80,000	76,400	- 1.9	+ 2.7
Retail.................	223,400	237,200	219,200	- 5.9	+ 1.9
General Merchandise...	32,700	36,900	30,300	- 11.4	+ 7.9
Food Stores...........	41,000	41,800	38,600	- 1.9	+ 6.2
Auto Dealers & Gas Sta	22,900	23,300	23,700	- 1.7	- 3.4
Restaurants...........	64,700	68,300	63,900	- 5.3	+ 1.2
Other Retail Trade....	62,100	66,900	62,700	- 7.2	- 1.0
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	114,100	114,400	110,900	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Banking................	28,000	27,800	27,000	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Insurance..............	64,200	64,200	62,900	0.0	+ 2.1
Real Estate............	9,100	9,400	8,900	- 3.2	+ 2.2
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,800	13,000	12,100	- 1.5	+ 5.8
Services................	300,500	305,600*	291,100	- 1.7	+ 3.2
Hotels.................	6,500	7,000*	6,300	- 7.1	+ 3.2
Personal Services......	15,400	15,200	15,800	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Business Services......	61,000	62,300	58,300	- 2.1	+ 4.6
Health Services........	103,200	103,000	100,100	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Law & Professional.....	21,800	21,600	20,800	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Educational Services...	28,800	30,400	27,900	- 5.3	+ 3.2
Other Services.........	63,800	66,100	61,900	- 3.5	+ 3.1
Government..............	181,500	184,100	178,500	- 1.4	+ 1.7
Federal................	21,100	21,300	21,200	- 0.9	- 0.5
State & Local..........	160,400	162,800	157,300	- 1.5	+ 2.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - JANUARY 1983
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$347.58	$348.88	$327.20	40.7	40.9	40.9	$8.54	$8.53	$8.00
Metallic Manufacturing......	359.98	361.32	339.07	41.0	41.2	41.3	8.78	8.77	8.21
Primary Metals.............	375.99	378.29	364.20	41.5	41.8	42.3	9.06	9.05	8.61
Fabricated Metals..........	317.19	317.56	301 35	40.1	40.3	41.0	7.91	7.88	7.35
Machinery..................	376.06	373.15	368.94	41.6	41.6	42.8	9.04	8.97	8.62
Electrical Equipment.......	292.09	291.51	268.53	40.4	40.6	39.9	7.23	7.18	6.73
Transportation Equipment...	438.19	447.02	408.95	41.3	41.7	41.1	10.61	10.72	9.95
Instruments & Clocks.......	346.18	331.14	315.56	43.6	42.4	42.3	7.94	7.81	7.46
Other Metallic Mfg.........	283.91	273.74	275.13	40.5	39.5	40.7	7.01	6.93	6.76
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	317.21	317.97	296.06	39.9	40.3	39.9	7.95	7.89	7.42
Food.......................	312.84	314.79	315.47	39.7	40.1	41.4	7.88	7.85	7.62
Textiles...................	247.50	258.57	231.80	37.5	39.0	38.0	6.60	6.63	6.10
Apparel....................	194.39	188.80	180.73	36.2	36.1	34.1	5.37	5.23	5.30
Lumber & Furniture.........	250.49	259.16	238.16	39.2	41.4	39.3	6.39	6.26	6.06
Paper......................	388.86	395.50	372.00	44.8	45.2	45.7	8.68	8.75	8.14
Printing & Publishing......	323.02	329.24	305.94	37.3	37.8	38.1	8.66	8.71	8.03
Chemicals..................	410.98	410.12	385.81	42.5	42.9	41.8	9.67	9.56	9.23
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	293.66	293.66	274.91	39.9	39.9	39.9	7.36	7.36	6.89
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	331.30	330.07	313.40	40.6	40.4	41.4	8.16	8.17	7.57
Construction...............	545.52	528.75	459.91	37.7	37.5	36.1	14.47	14.10	12.74

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Jan.	1983	Dec.	1982(R)	Jan.	1982(R)
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	131,300	8.3	113,500	7.0	115,900	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.2)		(7.4)		(6.5)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	2,500	15.8	1,700	10.7	2,200	13.2
Bridgeport.............	19,000	9.9	15,600	7.9	15,400	8.0
Bristol................	4,700	13.7	4,300	12.3	4,100	11.6
Danbury................	7,100	7.1	5,800	5.8	5,600	5.7
Danielson..............	3,900	13.2	3,100	10.8	3,500	11.9
Hartford...............	27,500	7.1	23,800	6.1	26,500	6.8
Meriden................	3,000	11.4	2,700	10.0	2,900	11.1
Middletown.............	4,100	7.2	3,800	6.4	4,000	6.9
New Britain............	6,800	9.5	6,300	8.6	6,400	8.6
New Haven..............	16,600	8.5	14,100	7.0	13,800	7.1
New London-Norwich.....	6,500	6.0	6,000	5.4	6,400	6.1
Norwalk................	4,600	6.1	3,600	4.7	4,400	5.8
Stamford...............	6,200	4.9	5,700	4.4	5,700	4.6
Torrington.............	5,600	13.3	4,900	11.5	4,400	10.6
Waterbury..............	11,900	11.5	10,900	10.3	9,500	9.1
Willimantic............	1,300	5.4	1,200	4.6	1,100	4.7
U.S. Total-Actual........	12,517,000	11.4	11,628,000	10.5	10,183,000	9.4
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.4)		(10.8)		(8.6)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Jan. '83	Dec. '82	Jan. '82
All Items..............	293.1	292.4	282.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 3.8

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

				Percent Change to January 1983 from:	
Area	Jan.'83	Dec.'82 (R)	Jan.'82 (R)	Dec.'82	Jan.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,580	7,860	8,030	- 3.6	- 5.6
Manufacturing	2,270	2,240	2,640	+ 1.3	- 14.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,310	5,620	5,390	- 5.5	- 1.5
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	161,720	169,220	165,950	- 4.4	- 2.5
Manufacturing	58,350	58,940	63,330	- 1.0	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	103,370	110,280	102,620	- 6.3	+ 0.7
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,270	21,820	22,710	- 2.5	- 6.3
Manufacturing	7,950	8,020	9,510	- 0.9	- 16.4
Nonmanufacturing	13,320	13,800	13,200	- 3.5	+ 0.9
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	71,180	72,170	69,440	- 1.4	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	26,100	26,110	27,120	- 0.1	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	45,080	46,060	42,320	- 2.1	+ 6.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,900	20,020	20,170	- 0.6	- 1.3
Manufacturing	8,990	9,090	9,560	- 1.1	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,910	10,930	10,610	- 0.2	+ 2.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	394,100*	401,870*	396,990	- 1.9	- 0.7
Manufacturing	89,410*	88,510*	96,440	+ 1.0	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	304,690	313,360	300,550	- 2.8	- 1.4
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,640	21,450	21,240	- 3.8	- 2.8
Manufacturing	5,140	5,360	5,660	- 4.1	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing	15,500	16,090	15,580	- 3.7	- 0.5
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,330	46,240	45,350	- 4.1	- 2.2
Manufacturing	14,970	14,980	15,720	- 0.1	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	29,360	31,260	29,630	- 6.1	- 0.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,790*	60,430*	61,510	- 2.7	- 4.4
Manufacturing	24,740*	24,890*	28,130	- 0.6	- 12.1
Nonmanufacturing	34,050	35,540	33,380	- 4.2	+ 2.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	182,760	190,120*	184,180*	- 3.9	- 0.8
Manufacturing	38,640	38,950	41,540*	- 0.8	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	144,120	151,170*	142,640	- 4.7	+ 1.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	95,480	99,120	93,370*	- 3.7	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	36,070	35,850	35,440	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	59,410	63,270	57,930*	- 6.1	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,690	64,200	63,190	- 2.4	- 0.8
Manufacturing	20,970	21,020	21,930	- 0.2	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	41,720	43,180	41,260	- 3.4	+ 1.1

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Jan.'83	Dec.'82 (R)	Jan.'82 (R)	Percent Change to January 1983 from: Dec.'82	Percent Change to January 1983 from: Jan.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	114,120	115,240	113,010	- 1.0	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	32,190	32,010	32,690	+ 0.6	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	81,930	83,230	80,320	- 1.6	+ 2.0
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,310	29,520	28,800	- 4.1	- 1.7
Manufacturing	9,550	9,560	10,220	- 0.1	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	18,760	19,960	18,580	- 6.0	+ 1.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	82,130	83,690	84,220	- 1.9	- 2.5
Manufacturing	27,770	27,740	30,870	+ 0.1	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	54,360	55,950	53,350	- 2.8	+ 1.9
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,390	21,500	18,760	- 9.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	2,410	2,550	2,940	- 5.5	- 18.0
Nonmanufacturing	16,980	18,950	15,820	- 10.4	+ 7.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982	Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
Ansonia	$391.53	$409.26	$378.45	42.1	43.4	43.6	$9.30	$9.43	$8.68
Bridgeport	363.45	360.45	333.72	40.7	40.5	41.2	8.93	8.90	8.10
Bristol	361.20	353.31	345.15	40.0	39.3	39.0	9.03	8.99	8.85
Danbury	333.52	335.26	315.13	41.9	42.6	42.7	7.96	7.87	7.38
Danielson	292.99	301.95	244.19	38.5	40.1	35.7	7.61	7.53	6.84
Hartford	375.77	379.35	347.32	40.8	41.1	41.2	9.21	9.23	8.43
Meriden	307.89	314.91	294.89	40.3	41.6	40.9	7.64	7.57	7.21
Middletown	356.18	363.37	344.32	39.4	40.6	40.7	9.04	8.95	8.46
New Britain	362.44	360.91	328.85	41.0	41.2	40.8	8.84	8.76	8.06
New Haven	323.98	327.53	298.76	38.8	39.7	38.5	8.35	8.25	7.76
New London-Norwich	381.06	378.98	342.36	41.6	41.6	41.1	9.16	9.11	8.33
Norwalk	369.60	365.48	335.66	44.0	44.3	44.4	8.40	8.25	7.56
Stamford	331.06	333.56	300.03	39.6	39.9	40.6	8.36	8.36	7.39
Torrington	238.82	241.28	241.00	37.2	37.7	39.9	6.42	6.40	6.04
Waterbury	296.53	290.69	263.87	40.9	41.0	39.8	7.25	7.09	6.63
Willimantic	279.86	272.28	246.41	41.4	40.1	39.3	6.76	6.79	6.27

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment (R) Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims (R)		Rate Total Unemployment (R)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1440.8	1420.8	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1405.7	1421.3	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	100.7	105.5
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH QUARTERS 1981, AND 4TH QUARTER 1980

INDUSTRY	4th Qtr. 1981	3rd Qtr. 1981	2nd Qtr. 1981	1st Qtr. 1981	4th Qtr. 1980
Total.................	$331.96	$310.90	$308.30	$306.45	$309.23
Total Manufacturing.............	422.32	393.44	387.26	383.49	386.75
Total Nonmanufacturing..........	293.01	275.31	273.29	270.97	274.77
Construction..................	418.22	398.67	380.23	393.51	396.65
Transportation.................	349.40	335.27	316.43	312.27	325.73
Communication and Utilities....	500.54	456.00	440.11	419.50	461.03
Trade..........................	246.36	233.48	228.51	225.87	230.03
Wholesale.....................	436.81	404.22	397.69	400.54	413.03
Retail........................	207.22	201.84	198.16	188.07	196.17
Restaurants..................	115.72	111.34	107.41	106.52	107.49
Finance & Real Estate..........	321.62	307.40	292.87	309.02	304.09
Insurance......................	396.21	368.21	359.92	375.31	347.41
Service........................	257.56	249.82	247.60	241.74	247.71
Hotels........................	159.89	146.94	151.09	141.69	153.49
Laundries & Personal Services.	175.95	166.54	164.65	154.82	164.77
Business Services.............	269.18	251.30	260.06	262.16	273.81
Auto Repair, Service & Garages	262.06	244.07	235.28	229.35	245.84
Health Services...............	264.83	275.38	260.60	253.68	256.41
Educational Services..........	263.53	262.33	246.82	239.34	248.50
Government.....................	292.44	278.65	293.09	285.09	288.32

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March 1983

Employment dropped by 2,000 in February when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percent and personal income of state residents was at a new all-time high, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment was 1,402,800 last month, down from January's 1,404,800 and 1,412,400 in February 1982 (page 2). Employment in transportation equipment and instruments and clocks registered monthly declines in the manufacturing sector while seasonal trends continued to reflect fewer jobs in construction and retail trade. Compared with last year, February gains in such nonmanufacturing categories as trade, banking, insurance and business services were offset by 26,700 job losses in manufacturing categories.

Average weekly wages of factory workers dropped as fewer weekly hours shortened the average workweek from 40.7 to 39.4 due mainly to two snow storms during the month. Hourly earnings also declined by three-cents because of less overtime. Weekly wages in February at $335.29 were lower than January's $347.58 but above the $327.62 for February last year (page 3). Straight time weekly and hourly earnings, however, were up from $330.80 and $8.27 in January to $332.80 and $8.32 per hour. Ansonia area workers received the highest average weekly wages, followed by New London/Norwich, Norwalk and Bridgeport (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment increased by 100 to 131,400 with the actual rate remaining at 8.3 percent but the seasonally adjusted rate was up from 7.2 to 7.5 percent, once again remaining well under the comparable national rate of 10.4 percent (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimate were persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Improvement was reflected in seven labor market areas while nine others showed increased jobless levels.

Other Economic Indicators: Personal income of state residents increased, establishing an all-time high in February when new claims filings for unemployment benefits were lower but other economic indicators declined (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)
February, 1983

	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982 (R)	% Change Feb. '83 over Jan. '83	% Change Feb. '83 over Feb. '82
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,402,800*	1,404,800*	1,412,400*	- 0.1	- 0.7
Manufacturing.............	401,900*	402,700*	428,600*	- 0.2	- 6.2
Metallic Manufacturing....	285,600*	287,000*	310,100*	- 0.5	- 7.9
Primary Metals...........	16,000	16,100	18,900	- 0.6	- 15.3
Fabricated Metals........	57,300	56,700	63,100	+ 1.1	- 9.2
Machinery, Ex. Elec......	46,600*	46,700*	56,000	- 0.2	- 16.8
Electrical Equipment.....	49,100	49,100	51,000	0.0	- 3.7
Transportation Equipment.	84,400	85,600	84,500*	- 1.4	- 0.1
Instruments & Clocks.....	26,000	26,600	29,800	- 2.3	- 12.8
Other Metallic Mfg.......	6,200	6,200	6,800	0.0	- 8.8
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	116,300	115,700	118,500	+ 0.5	- 1.9
Food.....................	13,000	12,900	13,100	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Textiles.................	6,900	7,000	7,900	- 1.4	- 12.7
Apparel..................	9,800	10,000	10,200	- 2.0	- 3.9
Furniture & Lumber.......	6,200	6,100	6,500	+ 1.6	- 4.6
Paper....................	9,800	9,700	10,000	+ 1.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing....	25,300	25,500	25,600	- 0.8	- 1.2
Chemicals................	21,900	21,600	20,800	+ 1.4	+ 5.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	12,300	12,000	13,100	+ 2.5	- 6.1
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,100	10,900	11,300	+ 1.8	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,000,900*	1,002,100	983,800	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Construction.............	41,700	43,500	42,900	- 4.1	- 2.8
Transportation...........	30,300	30,600	30,900	- 1.0	- 1.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	11,600	11,700	12,000	- 0.9	- 3.3
Other Transportation....	18,700	18,900	18,900	- 1.1	- 1.1
Communications...........	18,400	18,400	18,800	0.0	- 2.1
Utilities................	11,600	11,600	11,600	0.0	0.0
Trade....................	299,800	301,900	294,300	- 0.7	+ 1.9
Wholesale...............	78,200	78,500	76,300	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Retail..................	221,600	223,400	218,000	- 0.8	+ 1.7
General Merchandise....	31,400	32,700	29,800	- 4.0	+ 5.4
Food Stores............	41,000	41,000	38,800	0.0	+ 5.7
Auto Dlrs & Gas Sta....	22,600	22,900	23,300	- 1.3	- 3.0
Restaurants............	65,700	64,700	64,700	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Other Retail Trade.....	60,900	62,100	61,400	- 1.9	- 0.8
Finance, Ins. & R.E......	114,000	114,100	111,000	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Banking.................	28,000	28,000	27,000	0.0	+ 3.7
Insurance...............	64,300	64,200	63,200	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Real Estate.............	9,000	9,100	8,800	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	12,700	12,800	12,000	- 0.8	+ 5.8
Services.................	300,200	300,500	291,100	- 0.1	+ 3.1
Hotels..................	6,600	6,500	6,600	+ 1.5	0.0
Personal Services.......	15,300	15,400	15,500	- 0.6	- 1.3
Business Services.......	60,600	61,000	57,900	- 0.7	+ 4.7
Health Services.........	102,800	103,200	99,900	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Law & Professional......	21,800	21,800	20,800	0.0	+ 4.8
Educational Services....	30,000	28,800	28,800	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
Other Services..........	63,100	63,800	61,600	- 1.1	+ 2.4
Government...............	184,900	181,500	183,200	+ 1.9	+ 0.9
Federal.................	21,200	21,100	21,200	+ 0.5	0.0
State & Local...........	163 700	160,400	162,000	+ 2.1	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - FEBRUARY 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1983	Jan. 1983	Feb. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$335.29	$347.58	$327.62	39.4	40.7	40.8	$8.51	$8.54	$8.03
Metallic Manufacturing......	345.71	359.98	340.31	39.6	41.0	41.2	8.73	8.78	8.26
Primary Metals.............	379.39	375.99	362.02	41.6	41.5	41.9	9.12	9.06	8.64
Fabricated Metals...........	307.30	317.19	308.18	38.8	40.1	41.2	7.92	7.91	7.48
Machinery...................	365.72	376.06	364.98	40.5	41.6	42.0	9.03	9.04	8.69
Electrical Equipment.......	284.47	292.09	271.48	39.4	40.4	40.1	7.22	7.23	6.77
Transportation Equipment...	408.06	438.19	411.41	38.9	41.3	41.1	10.49	10.61	10.01
Instruments & Clocks.......	334.82	346.18	309.64	41.8	43.6	41.9	8.01	7.94	7.39
Other Metallic Mfg.........	277.77	283.91	273.50	39.4	40.5	40.7	7.05	7.01	6.72
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	310.42	317.21	292.30	38.9	39.9	39.5	7.98	7.95	7.40
Food.......................	313.22	312.84	297.60	39.3	39.7	40.0	7.97	7.88	7.44
Textiles...................	244.12	247.50	224.85	36.6	37.5	36.8	6.67	6.60	6.11
Apparel....................	189.46	194.39	178.13	34.7	36.2	33.8	5.46	5.37	5.27
Lumber & Furniture.........	254.54	250.49	239.29	39.1	39.2	39.1	6.51	6.39	6.12
Paper......................	375.41	388.86	372.00	43.4	44.8	45.7	8.65	8.68	8.14
Printing & Publishing......	311.40	323.02	306.38	36.0	37.3	37.5	8.65	8.66	8.17
Chemicals..................	401.57	410.98	381.22	41.7	42.5	41.8	9.63	9.67	9.12
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	286.77	293.66	271.48	38.7	39.9	40.1	7.41	7.36	6.77
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	327.95	331.30	310.72	39.8	40.6	41.1	8.24	8.16	7.56
Construction................	524.52	545.52	463.83	36.4	37.7	35.9	14.41	14.47	12.92

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Feb. 1983		Jan. 1983		Feb. 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	131,400	8.3	131,300	8.3	116,100	7.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.5)		(7.2)		(6.7)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,900	12.7	2,500	15.8	1,600	10.0
Bridgeport.............	17,400	9.2	19,000	9.9	14,400	7.5
Bristol................	4,600	13.2	4,700	13.7	4,200	11.9
Danbury................	7,500	7.5	7,100	7.1	5,800	6.0
Danielson..............	4,000	13.5	3,900	13.2	3,700	12.3
Hartford...............	29,500	7.6	27,500	7.1	26,800	7.0
Meriden................	3,200	12.2	3,000	11.4	2,800	10.6
Middletown.............	4,300	7.4	4,100	7.2	4,100	7.0
New Britain............	6,600	9.2	6,800	9.5	6,800	9.2
New Haven..............	16,500	8.4	16,600	8.5	14,200	7.3
New London-Norwich.....	6,700	6.2	6,500	6.0	7,000	6.6
Norwalk................	4,500	5.9	4,600	6.1	3,800	5.0
Stamford...............	6,600	5.2	6,200	4.9	5,900	4.7
Torrington.............	5,800	13.9	5,600	13.3	4,500	10.9
Waterbury..............	10,800	10.6	11,900	11.5	9,300	9.0
Willimantic............	1,500	5.6	1,300	5.4	1,200	4.7
U.S. Total-Actual........	12,382,000	11.3	12,517,000	11.4	10,378,000	9.6
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.4)		(10.4)		(8.8)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Feb. '83	Jan. '83	Feb. '82
All Items.............	293.2	293.1	283.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.03	+ 3.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

				Percent Change to February 1983 from:	
Area	Feb.'83	Jan.'83	Feb.'82 (R)	Jan.'83	Feb.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,520	7,580	8,030	- 0.8	- 6.4
Manufacturing	2,230	2,270	2,630	- 1.8	- 15.2
Nonmanufacturing	5,290	5,310	5,400	- 0.4	- 2.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	162,190	161,720	166,340	+ 0.3	- 2.5
Manufacturing	58,190	58,350	62,880	- 0.3	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	104,000	103,370	103,460	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,640	21,270	22,650	+ 1.7	- 4.5
Manufacturing	8,230	7,950	9,370	+ 3.5	- 12.2
Nonmanufacturing	13,410	13,320	13,280	+ 0.7	+ 1.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	70,620	71,180	69,130	- 0.8	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	25,720	26,100	26,990	- 1.5	- 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	44,900	45,080	42,140	- 0.4	+ 6.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,880	19,900	20,220	- 0.1	- 1.7
Manufacturing	9,010	8,990	9,670	+ 0.2	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	10,870	10,910	10,550	- 0.4	+ 3.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	392,850*	394,100*	395,630	- 0.3	- 0.7
Manufacturing	88,440*	89,410*	94,850	- 1.1	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	304,410	304,690	300,780	- 0.1	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,530	20,640	21,210	- 0.5	- 3.2
Manufacturing	5,050	5,140	5,670	- 1.8	- 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	15,480	15,500	15,540	- 0.1	- 0.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,070	44,330	45,010	- 0.6	- 2.1
Manufacturing	14,750	14,970	15,430	- 1.5	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	29,320	29,360	29,580	- 0.1	- 0.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,800*	58,790*	61,010	+ 0.1	- 3.6
Manufacturing	24,570*	24,740*	27,350	- 0.7	- 10.2
Nonmanufacturing	34,230	34,050	33,660	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	182,890	182,760	184,970*	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Manufacturing	38,430	38,640	41,320*	- 0.5	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	144,460	144,120	143,650	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	95,050	95,480	92,560*	- 0.5	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	35,930	36,070	34,950	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	59,120	59,410	57,610*	- 0.5	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,770	62,690	62,630	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	21,310	20,970	21,640	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	41,460	41,720	40,990	- 0.6	+ 1.1

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Feb.'83	Jan.'83	Feb.'82 (R)	Percent Change to February 1983 from: Jan.'83	Percent Change to February 1983 from: Feb.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,300*	114,120	112,090*	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	31,930	32,190	32,360*	- 0.8	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	81,370*	81,930	79,730	- 0.7	+ 2.1
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,240	28,310	28,620	- 0.2	- 1.3
Manufacturing	9,560	9,550	10,150	+ 0.1	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	18,680	18,760	18,470	- 0.4	+ 1.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	81,880*	82,130	83,790	- 0.3	- 2.3
Manufacturing	27,650	27,770	30,610	- 0.4	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	54,230*	54,360	53,180	- 0.2	+ 2.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,870	19,390	21,320	+ 12.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	2,400	2,410	3,020	- 0.4	- 20.5
Nonmanufacturing	19,470	16,980	18,300	+ 14.7	+ 6.4

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1983	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1983	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1982	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1983	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1983	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1982	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1983	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1983	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1982
Ansonia	$382.54	$391.53	$379.31	41.4	42.1	43.8	$9.24	$9.30	$8.66
Bridgeport	358.70	363.45	340.67	39.9	40.7	41.8	8.99	8.93	8.15
Bristol	349.98	361.20	347.88	38.0	40.0	39.0	9.21	9.03	8.92
Danbury	328.39	333.52	314.18	41.1	41.9	42.4	7.99	7.96	7.41
Danielson	279.19	292.99	236.67	36.4	38.5	34.5	7.67	7.61	6.86
Hartford	347.47	375.77	342.10	38.1	40.8	40.2	9.12	9.21	8.51
Meriden	297.04	307.89	296.84	37.6	40.3	41.0	7.90	7.64	7.24
Middletown	347.76	356.18	342.26	38.3	39.4	40.6	9.08	9.04	8.43
New Britain	346.02	362.44	328.85	39.5	41.0	40.8	8.76	8.84	8.06
New Haven	319.12	323.98	308.50	37.9	38.8	39.4	8.42	8.35	7.83
New London-Norwich	364.45	381.06	335.60	39.7	41.6	40.0	9.18	9.16	8.39
Norwalk	363.66	369.60	324.61	43.5	44.0	42.6	8.36	8.40	7.62
Stamford	322.31	331.06	294.12	38.6	39.6	39.8	8.35	8.36	7.39
Torrington	239.20	238.82	238.76	37.2	37.2	39.4	6.43	6.42	6.06
Waterbury	290.87	296.53	272.28	39.9	40.9	40.7	7.29	7.25	6.69
Willimantic	285.34	279.86	246.87	41.9	41.4	39.0	6.81	6.76	6.33

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9 (R)	1421.4 (R)	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8 (R)	1420.4 (R)	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.3	7.5
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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Economic conditions in Connecticut showed some monthly improvement during March with total employment increasing by 4,900, average hourly and weekly wages and total personal income at record levels and higher manufacturing output, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. However, because the decline in actual unemployment was less than anticipated, the adjusted rate moved up by four-tenths of one percent to 7.8.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 4,900 to 1,407,700 in March with nonmanufacturing industries accounting for 4,700 additional jobs (page 2). Services showed an employment gain of 2,400, construction was up by 1,000 and restaurants had 800 more workers. Despite a loss of 1,200 jobs in transportation equipment, manufacturing employment edged up in March to 402,100. Twelve labor market areas had increased employment which was slightly lower than February in Bridgeport, Middletown, Torrington and Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Average wages of factory production workers set a new high of $352.56 weekly and $8.62 per hour in March with a longer workweek at 40.9 hours, up from $335.29 weekly, $8.51 an hour for 39.4 hours per week the previous month (page 3). Computed for straight-time and 40-hours, hourly and weekly earnings were unchanged from February but 6.5 percent above the $7.81 hourly and $312.40 weekly wages in March 1982. Factory pay was highest in Ansonia and Bristol, followed by Hartford, New London-Norwich, Bridgeport and Norwalk (page 6).

Unemployment: Overall unemployment dropped in March by 4,900 to 125,900 and the actual rate from 8.2 to 7.9 percent (page 4). Normally in March the decline in joblessness is more pronounced which accounted for a seasonally adjusted rate increase from a revised 7.4 February figure to 7.8 percent. The comparable national average last month was 10.3 percent. March was the 68th consecutive month that Connecticut was below the national rate. Unemployment was lower in 13 labor market areas, increased in Ansonia and Willimantic and remained the same in Bristol. Included in the statewide estimate were those people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose regular benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Manufacturing output expanded on an actual and adjusted basis while personal income of state residents set a new monthly high and new filings for unemployment benefits dropped (page 7).

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Note: A report on average weekly earnings of all Connecticut workers covered by unemployment compensation is attached (page 8).

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

March 1983

	March 1983	Feb. 1983	March 1982	% Change Mar. '83 over Feb. '83	% Change Mar. '83 over Mar. '82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,407,700*	1,402,800*	1,417,200*	+ 0.3	- 0.7
Manufacturing............	402,100*	401,900*	426,600*	+ 0.1	- 5.7
Metallic Manufacturing...	285,400*	285,600*	307,600*	- 0.1	- 7.2
Primary Metals..........	16,100	16,000	18,800	+ 0.6	- 14.4
Fabricated Metals.......	57,400	57,300	62,400	+ 0.2	- 8.0
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	46,600*	46,600*	55,500	0.0	- 16.0
Electrical Equipment....	49,400	49,100	50,400	+ 0.6	- 2.0
Transportation Equipment	83,200	84,400	84,200*	- 1.4	- 1.2
Instruments & Clocks....	26,500	26,000	29,600	+ 1.9	- 10.5
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,200	6,200	6,700	0.0	- 7.5
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	116,700	116,300	119,000	+ 0.3	- 1.9
Food....................	13,000	13,000	12,900	0.0	+ 0.8
Textiles................	7,000	6,900	7,800	+ 1.4	- 10.3
Apparel.................	9,900	9,800	10,400	+ 1.0	- 4.8
Furniture & Lumber......	6,200	6,200	6,500	0.0	- 4.6
Paper...................	9,800	9,800	10,000	0.0	- 2.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,300	25,300	25,700	0.0	- 1.6
Chemicals...............	21,800	21,900	20,800	- 0.5	+ 4.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,500	12,300	13,400	+ 1.6	- 6.7
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,200	11,100	11,500	+ 0.9	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing.........	1,005,600*	1,000,900*	990,600	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Construction............	42,700	41,700	44,200	+ 2.4	- 3.4
Transportation..........	29,500*	30,300	31,000	- 2.6	- 4.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg	11,700	11,600	12,000	+ 0.9	- 2.5
Other Transportation...	17,800*	18,700	19,000	- 4.8	- 6.3
Communications..........	18,300	18,400	18,900	- 0.5	- 3.2
Utilities...............	11,700	11,600	11,600	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Trade...................	300,800	299,800*	295,600	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Wholesale..............	78,400	78,200*	76,400	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Retail.................	222,400	221,600	219,200	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
General Merchandise...	31,500	31,400	29,400	+ 0.3	+ 7.1
Food Stores...........	41,000	41,000	39,000	0.0	+ 5.1
Auto Dlrs & Gas Sta...	22,600	22,600	23,500	0.0	- 3.8
Restaurants...........	66,500	65,700	65,600	+ 1.2	+ 1.4
Other Retail Trade....	60,800	60,900	61,700	- 0.2	- 1.5
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	114,400	114,000	111,600	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Banking................	28,100	28,000	27,000	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Insurance..............	64,500	64,300	63,600	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Real Estate............	9,100	9,000	8,800	+ 1.1	+ 3.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,700	12,700	12,200	0.0	+ 4.1
Services................	302,600	300,200	293,600	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Hotels.................	6,500	6,600	6,500	- 1.5	0.0
Personal Services......	15,100	15,300	15,000	- 1.3	+ 0.7
Business Services......	61,000	60,600	58,300	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Health Services........	102,900	102,800	100,300	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Law & Professional.....	21,800	21,800	20,800	0.0	+ 4.8
Educational Services...	30,800	30,000	29,400	+ 2.7	+ 4.8
Other Services.........	64,500	63,100	63,300	+ 2.2	+ 1.9
Government..............	185,600	184,900	184,100	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Federal................	21,100	21,200	21,200	- 0.5	- 0.5
State & Local..........	164,500	163,700	162,900	+ 0.5	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - MARCH 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$352.56	$335.29	$330.47	40.9	39.4	40.9	$8.62	$8.51	$8.08
Metallic Manufacturing......	365.03	345.71	344.86	41.2	39.6	41.4	8.86	8.73	8.33
Primary Metals.............	390.64	379.39	351.85	42.6	41.6	41.2	9.17	9.12	8.54
Fabricated Metals..........	330.44	307.30	314.57	41.1	38.8	41.5	8.04	7.92	7.58
Machinery..................	374.63	365.72	367.95	40.5	40.5	42.1	9.25	9.03	8.74
Electrical Equipment.......	290.73	284.47	275.12	40.1	39.4	40.4	7.25	7.22	6.81
Transportation Equipment...	445.30	408.06	415.74	41.5	38.9	41.0	10.73	10.49	10.14
Instruments & Clocks.......	342.28	334.82	321.32	43.0	41.8	42.9	7.96	8.01	7.49
Other Metallic Mfg.........	293.46	277.77	275.00	40.2	39.4	40.5	7.30	7.05	6.79
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	322.81	310.42	294.18	40.2	38.9	39.7	8.03	7.98	7.41
Food.......................	323.47	313.22	294.03	39.4	39.3	39.1	8.21	7.97	7.52
Textiles...................	264.66	244.12	226.07	40.1	36.6	36.7	6.60	6.67	6.16
Apparel....................	203.97	189.46	185.83	36.1	34.7	34.8	5.65	5.46	5.34
Lumber & Furniture.........	266.66	254.54	245.74	39.8	39.1	39.7	6.70	6.51	6.19
Paper......................	394.20	375.41	367.99	45.0	43.4	45.6	8.76	8.65	8.07
Printing & Publishing......	316.46	311.40	310.78	36.5	36.0	37.9	8.67	8.65	8.20
Chemicals..................	411.09	401.57	373.27	42.6	41.7	41.2	9.65	9.63	9.06
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	302.66	286.77	273.78	40.9	38.7	40.5	7.40	7.41	6.76
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	344.86	327.95	318.59	41.6	39.8	41.7	8.29	8.24	7.64
Construction...............	543.05	524.52	483.59	37.4	36.4	37.0	14.52	14.41	13.07

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Mar. 1983		Feb. 1983(R)		Mar. 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	125,900	7.9	130,800	8.2	112,500	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.8)		(7.4)		(6.8)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	2,100	13.8	1,900	12.7	1,500	9.9
Bridgeport.............	17,000	8.9	17,400	9.2	14,000	7.3
Bristol................	4,600	13.2	4,600	13.2	4,200	11.8
Danbury................	6,900	6.8	7,500	7.5	5,400	5.5
Danielson..............	3,600	12.2	4,000	13.5	3,200	10.6
Hartford...............	27,100	7.0	28,800	7.5	25,800	6.7
Meriden................	3,100	11.8	3,200	12.2	2,900	11.0
Middletown.............	4,100	7.2	4,300	7.4	3,800	6.6
New Britain............	6,500	8.9	6,600	9.3	6,100	8.4
New Haven..............	16,300	8.2	16,500	8.4	14,000	7.1
New London-Norwich.....	6,600	6.0	6,700	6.2	6,500	6.1
Norwalk................	4,300	5.6	4,500	5.9	3,500	4.6
Stamford...............	6,200	4.9	6,600	5.2	5,700	4.5
Torrington.............	5,500	13.1	5,800	13.9	4,600	11.2
Waterbury..............	10,400	10.0	10,900	10.6	9,800	9.4
Willimantic............	1,600	5.9	1,500	5.6	1,500	5.7
U.S. Total-Actual........	11,879,000	10.8	12,382,000	11.3	10,290,000	9.5
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.3)		(10.4)		(9.0)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Mar. '83	Feb. '83	Mar. '82
All Items..............	293.4	293.2	283.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.1	+ 3.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'83	Feb.'83	Mar.'82(R)	Percent Change to March 1983 from: Feb.'83	Mar.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,550	7,520	8,060	+ 0.4	- 6.3
Manufacturing	2,230	2,230	2,620	0.0	- 14.9
Nonmanufacturing	5,320	5,290	5,440	+ 0.6	- 2.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	162,120*	162,190	167,230	- 0.1	- 3.1
Manufacturing	57,710	58,190	62,630	- 0.8	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	104,410*	104,000	104,600	+ 0.4	- 0.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,830	21,640	22,500	+ 0.9	- 3.0
Manufacturing	8,410	8,230	9,320	+ 2.2	- 9.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,420	13,410	13,180	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	71,240	70,620	69,970	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	25,910	25,720	27,140	+ 0.7	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	45,330	44,900	42,830	+ 1.0	+ 5.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,970	19,880	20,670	+ 0.5	- 3.4
Manufacturing	9,010	9,010	9,980	0.0	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,960	10,870	10,690	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	394,130*	392,850*	395,790	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Manufacturing	87,570*	88,440*	93,880	- 1.0	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	306,560	304,410	301,910	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,600	20,530	21,170	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Manufacturing	4,930	5,050	5,540	- 2.4	- 11.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,670	15,480	15,630	+ 1.2	+ 0.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	43,960	44,070	44,880	- 0.2	- 2.0
Manufacturing	14,410	14,750	15,310	- 2.3	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	29,550	29,320	29,570	+ 0.8	- 0.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,840*	58,800*	60,950	+ 0.1	- 3.5
Manufacturing	24,530*	24,570*	27,260	- 0.2	- 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	34,310	34,230	33,690	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	183,820	182,890	185,900*	+ 0.5	- 1.1
Manufacturing	38,240	38,430	41,030*	- 0.5	- 6.8
Nonmanufacturing	145,580	144,460	144,870	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	95,610	95,050	92,850*	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	36,060	35,930	34,840	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	59,550	59,120	58,010*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,170	62,770	63,010	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	21,260	21,310	21,590	- 0.2	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	41,910	41,460	41,420	+ 1.1	+ 1.2

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'83	Feb.'83	Mar.'82 (R)	Percent Change to March 1983 from: Feb.'83	Mar.'8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	114,100*	113,300*	112,930*	+ 0.7	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	32,070	31,930	32,360*	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	82,030	81,370*	80,570	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,170	28,240	28,170	- 0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	9,560	9,560	9,950	0.0	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,610	18,680	18,220	- 0.4	+ 2.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	82,710	81,880*	84,250	+ 1.0	- 1.8
Manufacturing	28,050	27,650	30,310	+ 1.4	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	54,660	54,230*	53,940	+ 0.8	+ 1.3
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,780	21,870	21,750	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	2,420	2,400	3,010	+ 0.8	- 19.6
Nonmanufacturing	19,360	19,470	18,740	- 0.6	+ 3.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earning		
	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1983	Mar. 1982
Ansonia	$395.71	$382.54	$382.80	43.2	41.4	44.0	$9.16	$9.24	$8.70
Bridgeport	368.02	358.70	342.76	40.8	39.9	41.8	9.02	8.99	8.20
Bristol	383.11	349.98	348.93	40.8	38.0	38.9	9.39	9.21	8.97
Danbury	340.13	328.39	315.88	42.2	41.1	42.4	8.06	7.99	7.45
Danielson	297.61	279.19	246.35	38.6	36.4	35.6	7.71	7.67	6.92
Hartford	382.34	347.47	355.97	41.2	38.1	41.2	9.28	9.12	8.64
Meriden	321.53	297.04	300.03	39.5	37.6	41.1	8.14	7.90	7.30
Middletown	356.59	347.76	343.04	39.1	38.3	40.5	9.12	9.08	8.47
New Britain	355.29	346.02	334.96	40.1	39.5	41.2	8.86	8.76	8.13
New Haven	332.28	319.12	312.04	39.0	37.9	39.7	8.52	8.42	7.86
New London-Norwich	379.96	364.45	335.51	40.9	39.7	39.8	9.29	9.18	8.43
Norwalk	364.76	363.66	331.68	44.0	43.5	43.3	8.29	8.36	7.66
Stamford	333.04	322.31	294.32	39.6	38.6	39.4	8.41	8.35	7.47
Torrington	241.39	239.20	238.73	37.6	37.2	39.2	6.42	6.43	6.09
Waterbury	309.12	290.87	287.86	42.0	39.9	42.9	7.36	7.29	6.71
Willimantic	304.59	285.34	255.20	42.9	41.9	40.0	7.10	6.81	6.38

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1421.4	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)
1st and 2nd quarters 1982, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters 1981

INDUSTRY	2nd Qtr. 1982	1st Qtr. 1982	4th Qtr. 1981	3rd Qtr. 1981	2nd Qtr. 1981
Total	$333.34	$331.89	$331.96	$310.90	$308.30
Total Manufacturing	417.13	418.28	422.32	393.44	387.26
Total Nonmanufacturing	298.03	293.82	293.01	275.31	273.29
Construction	414.50	423.05	418.22	398.67	380.23
Transportation	338.32	340.81	349.40	335.27	316.43
Communication and Utilities	484.89	464.68	500.54	456.00	440.11
Trade	241.63	244.74	246.36	233.48	228.51
Wholesale	429.75	444.14	436.81	404.22	397.69
Retail	206.21	202.27	207.22	201.84	198.16
Restaurants	113.62	110.73	115.72	111.34	107.41
Finance & Real Estate	318.05	333.34	321.62	307.40	292.87
Insurance	411.04	407.86	396.21	368.21	359.92
Service	267.19	263.03	257.56	249.82	247.60
Hotels	155.66	151.50	159.89	146.94	151.09
Laundries & Personal Services	169.60	159.62	175.95	166.54	164.65
Business Services	280.75	288.72	269.18	251.30	260.06
Auto Repair, Service & Garages	251.92	248.86	262.06	244.07	235.28
Health Services	291.87	275.13	264.83	275.38	260.60
Educational Services	263.95	270.01	263.53	262.33	246.82
Government	330.32	304.02	308.76(R)	278.65	293.09

The average weekly earnings statistics on the above table are computed on a quarterly basis using data collected for the administration of Connecticut's unemployment compensation program. Because detailed wage estimates are published monthly for manufacturing industries (see page 3), more attention is given here to the nonmanufacturing sector. Comparisons should not be made between the manufacturing data in the two series since the monthly earnings and hour series shown on page 3 are derived from a sample of firms and deal with production workers only, while this quarterly series is compiled from reports submitted by all firms and includes workers in all occupational categories in the industry.

Between second quarter 1981 and second quarter 1982, average earnings of all workers covered under the unemployment compensation program rose by $25.04 or 8.1 percent to $333.34. This increase compares favorable to the rise in the Consumer Price Index which amounted to 7.1 percent during the same period, providing some cushion for the state's working population.

A comparison between the various industries reveals that the communications and utilities group provides the highest level of compensation, an average of $484.89 per week in the second quarter of 1982. Top ranked, this also represented a growth of 10.2 percent over the year. The next highest paying industry is wholesale trade where workers received an average of $429.75 per week and 8.1 percent more than they did a year earlier. Three other industry groups, manufacturing, construction and insurance, paying $417.13, $414.50, and $411.04 respectively followed in compensation. Of all categories, the insurance industry reflected the largest relative increase in wages during the year with their average up 14.2 percent from the second quarter of 1981.

Like the monthly series, these wages are subject to seasonal fluctuations between periods: so, for example, retail trade wages can be expected to rise in the fourth quarter due to holiday season overtime earnings. Likewise, many teachers get larger paychecks in the second (April-June) quarter to cover their summer vacation, and their heavy representation in local government therefore tends to inflate government earnings statistics during that period. Another seasonal fluctuation which should be noted takes place in the construction industry. It might be expected that the highest average wages would occur in the warmer months when construction activity is at its peak, but in actuality summer wages are lower on average because many unskilled and semi-skilled workers are added to the payrolls.

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May 1983

General improvement in the Connecticut economy was recorded during April when employment increased, unemployment dropped, factory wages and personal income were at record levels and manufacturing output expanded, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment advanced by 12,000 jobs to 1,419,700 with nonmanufacturing accounting for most of the monthly gain (page 2). Construction employment increased by 3,800, jobs in retail and wholesale trade and restaurants were more plentiful and the services group increased by 3,300 from March. Factory employment was up by 700 to a 1983 high of 402,800. Employment was higher in April in 15 labor market areas and down slightly in Meriden (pages 5 & 6).

A record $356.75 was reached in the average weekly pay of production workers as well as hourly earnings of $8.68 (page 3). The average workweek was also slightly longer - 41.1 hours compared with 40.9 in March and 40.6 a year ago. Weekly wages this April were up $4.19 from the month before and $26.67 higher than April 1982. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings this April were $8.37 or $334.80 weekly compared with March's $8.32 and $332.80. Factory pay for Ansonia area workers once again was the highest in the state at $406.56, followed by New London/Norwich, Hartford, Bristol, Bridgeport and Middletown (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness dropped by 13,800 to 112,100 or 7 percent in April from 125,900 and 7.9 percent in March (page 4). During April last year, it was 109,500 and 6.8 percent. Seasonally adjusted, the 7.4 percent April rate was down from 7.8 in March and compared with 6.9 a year ago. Lower unemployment was reported in each of the 16 labor market areas, with many under the April 1982 levels. Overall unemployment estimates include those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy, there was improvement in the manufacturing output, new automobile registrations increased, and personal income of state residents set a new high (page 7).

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Note: Employment trends for business services in Connecticut and each labor market area are covered in an attached report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

April 1983

	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982 (R)	% Change Apr. '83 over Mar. '83	% Change Apr. '83 over Apr. '82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,419,700*	1,407,700*	1,424,500*	+ 0.9	- 0.3
Manufacturing............	402,800	402,100*	423,400*	+ 0.2	- 4.9
Metallic Manufacturing...	285,800	285,400*	304,900*	+ 0.1	- 6.3
Primary Metals..........	16,300	16,100	18,400	+ 1.2	- 11.4
Fabricated Metals.......	57,400	57,400	61,700	0.0	- 7.0
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	47,500	46,600*	54,900	+ 1.9	- 13.5
Electrical Equipment....	49,400	49,400	50,200	0.0	- 1.6
Transportation Equipment	82,500	83,200	83,800*	- 0.8	- 1.6
Instruments & Clocks....	26,500	26,500	29,200	0.0	- 9.2
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,200	6,200	6,700	0.0	- 7.5
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	117,000	116,700	118,500	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Food....................	12,700	13,000	13,000	- 2.3	- 2.3
Textiles................	7,100	7,000	7,800	+ 1.4	- 9.0
Apparel.................	9,800	9,900	10,000	- 1.0	- 2.0
Furniture & Lumber......	6,300	6,200	6,500	+ 1.6	- 3.1
Paper...................	10,000	9,800	10,000	+ 2.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,300	25,300	25,500	0.0	- 0.8
Chemicals...............	21,900	21,800	20,900	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,600	12,500	13,400	+ 0.8	- 6.0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,300	11,200	11,400	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,016,900*	1,005,600*	1,001,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
Construction............	46,500	42,700	47,500	+ 8.9	- 2.1
Transportation..........	29,300*	29,500*	31,100	- 0.7	- 5.8
Motor Freight & Warehsg	11,600	11,700	12,000	- 0.9	- 3.3
Other Transportation...	17,700*	17,800*	19,100	- 0.6	- 7.3
Communications..........	18,500	18,300	19,000	+ 1.1	- 2.6
Utilities...............	11,900	11,700	11,700	+ 1.7	+ 1.7
Trade...................	303,700	300,800	298,200	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
Wholesale..............	78,800	78,400	76,600	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Retail.................	224,900	222,400	221,600	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
General Merchandise...	31,200	31,500	29,100	- 1.0	+ 7.2
Food Stores...........	41,500	41,000	39,600	+ 1.2	+ 4.8
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta..	23,000	22,600	23,600	+ 1.8	- 2.5
Restaurants...........	68,300	66,500	67,300	+ 2.7	+ 1.5
Other Retail Trade....	60,900	60,800	62,000	+ 0.2	- 1.8
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	115,200	114,400	111,900	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Banking................	28,200	28,100	26,700	+ 0.4	+ 5.6
Insurance..............	64,700	64,500	63,700	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Real Estate............	9,400	9,100	9,100	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,900	12,700	12,400	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
Services................	305,900	302,600	298,700	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
Hotels.................	6,700	6,500	6,800	+ 3.1	- 1.5
Personal Services......	15,400	15,100	15,400	+ 2.0	0.0
Business Services......	61,400	61,000	58,800	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Health Services........	103,200	102,900	100,500	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Law & Professional.....	22,000	21,800	21,000	+ 0.9	+ 4.8
Educational Services...	29,900	30,800	29,500	- 2.9	+ 1.4
Other Services.........	67,300	64,500	66,700	+ 4.3	+ 0.9
Government..............	185,900	185,600	183,000	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Federal................	21,100	21,100	21,200	0.0	- 0.5
State & Local..........	164,800	164,500	161,800	+ 0.2	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - APRIL 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$356.75	$352.56	$330.08	41.1	40.9	40.6	$8.68	$8.62	$8.13
Metallic Manufacturing......	369.70	365.03	344.01	41.4	41.2	41.1	8.93	8.86	8.37
Primary Metals.............	392.35	390.64	354.38	42.6	42.6	41.4	9.21	9.17	8.56
Fabricated Metals..........	332.47	330.44	309.02	41.3	41.1	40.5	8.05	8.04	7.63
Machinery..................	378.80	374.63	367.92	40.6	40.5	42.0	9.33	9.25	8.76
Electrical Equipment.......	298.57	290.73	273.32	40.9	40.1	39.9	7.30	7.25	6.85
Transportation Equipment...	453.60	445.30	414.32	41.5	41.5	40.9	10.93	10.73	10.13
Instruments & Clocks.......	342.28	342.28	329.18	43.0	43.0	43.6	7.96	7.96	7.55
Other Metallic Mfg.........	301.32	293.46	277.67	40.5	40.2	40.3	7.44	7.30	6.89
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	326.84	322.81	295.50	40.5	40.2	39.4	8.07	8.03	7.50
Food.......................	324.35	323.47	299.02	39.7	39.4	39.5	8.17	8.21	7.57
Textiles...................	267.02	264.66	232.25	39.5	40.1	37.4	6.76	6.60	6.21
Apparel....................	197.45	203.97	187.76	35.9	36.1	34.9	5.50	5.65	5.38
Lumber & Furniture.........	273.48	266.66	245.57	40.1	39.8	39.8	6.82	6.70	6.17
Paper......................	404.51	394.20	376.20	45.4	45.0	45.0	8.91	8.76	8.36
Printing & Publishing......	317.19	316.46	309.30	36.5	36.5	37.4	8.69	8.67	8.27
Chemicals..................	415.81	411.09	375.42	43.0	42.6	41.3	9.67	9.65	9.09
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	307.27	302.66	272.34	41.3	40.9	39.7	7.44	7.40	6.86
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	355.30	344.86	316.16	42.5	41.6	40.9	8.36	8.29	7.73
Construction...............	565.49	543.05	486.18	38.6	37.4	37.0	14.65	14.52	13.14

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Apr. 1983		Mar. 1983		Apr. 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	112,100	7.0	125,900	7.9	109,500	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.4)		(7.8)		(6.9)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,900	12.1	2,100	13.8	1,500	9.9
Bridgeport.............	16,500	8.6	17,000	8.9	15,100	7.8
Bristol................	3,800	10.8	4,600	13.2	4,100	11.6
Danbury................	6,000	5.9	6,900	6.8	5,500	5.5
Danielson..............	3,000	10.0	3,600	12.2	3,000	10.0
Hartford...............	24,100	6.2	27,100	7.0	24,300	6.3
Meriden................	2,900	11.2	3,100	11.8	2,800	10.7
Middletown.............	3,500	6.1	4,100	7.2	3,800	6.4
New Britain............	5,700	7.9	6,500	8.9	6,200	8.4
New Haven..............	14,500	7.3	16,300	8.2	13,000	6.6
New London/Norwich.....	6,000	5.4	6,600	6.0	6,600	6.1
Norwalk................	3,800	4.9	4,300	5.6	3,100	4.1
Stamford...............	5,800	4.5	6,200	4.9	5,600	4.5
Torrington.............	4,600	11.1	5,500	13.1	4,100	9.7
Waterbury..............	8,800	8.5	10,400	10.0	9,600	9.1
Willimantic............	1,200	4.5	1,600	5.9	1,200	4.5
U.S. Total-Actual........	11,035,000	10.0	11,879,000	10.8	9,957,000	9.2
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.2)		(10.3)		(9.3)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Apr. '83	Mar. '83	Apr. '82
All Items.............	295.5	293.4	284.3
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.7	+ 3.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Apr.'83	Mar.'83	Apr.'82 (R)	Percent Change to April 1983 from: Mar.'83	Apr.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,610	7,550	7,970	+ 0.8	- 4.5
Manufacturing	2,250	2,230	2,580	+ 0.9	- 12.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,360	5,320	5,390	+ 0.8	- 0.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	163,640*	162,120*	167,830	+ 0.9	- 2.5
Manufacturing	57,870	57,710	61,830	+ 0.3	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	105,770*	104,410*	106,000	+ 1.3	- 0.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,330	21,830	22,540	+ 2.3	- 0.9
Manufacturing	8,640	8,410	9,170	+ 2.7	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,690	13,420	13,370	+ 2.0	+ 2.4
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	71,900	71,240	70,760	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	25,980	25,910	26,770	+ 0.3	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	45,920	45,330	43,990	+ 1.3	+ 4.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,260	19,970	20,480	+ 1.5	- 1.1
Manufacturing	9,210	9,010	9,580	+ 2.2	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	11,050	10,960	10,900	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	395,660	394,130*	397,560	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Manufacturing	87,090	87,570*	93,390	- 0.5	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	308,570	306,560	304,170	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,520	20,600	21,190	- 0.4	- 3.2
Manufacturing	4,730	4,930	5,490	- 4.1	- 13.8
Nonmanufacturing	15,790	15,670	15,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,050	43,960	45,110	+ 0.2	- 2.3
Manufacturing	14,330	14,410	15,190	- 0.6	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	29,720	29,550	29,920	+ 0.6	- 0.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,380*	58,840*	61,280*	+ 0.9	- 3.1
Manufacturing	24,680*	24,530*	26,770*	+ 0.6	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	34,700	34,310	34,510*	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	183,680*	182,920*(R)	187,250*	+ 0.4	- 1.9
Manufacturing	37,980	38,240	40,400*	- 0.7	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	145,700*	144,680*(R)	146,850	+ 0.7	- 0.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	97,270	95,610	95,160*	+ 1.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	36,170	36,060	35,150	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	61,100	59,550	60,010*	+ 2.6	+ 1.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,840	63,170	63,430	+ 1.1	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	21,350	21,260	21,500	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	42,490	41,910	41,930	+ 1.4	+ 1.3

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Apr.'83	Mar.'83	Apr.'82 (R)	Percent Change to April 1983 from: Mar.'83	Apr.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	114,670*	114,050*(R)	113,140*	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	32,360	32,070	32,250*	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	82,310*	81,980*(R)	80,890	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,200	28,170	29,180	+ 0.1	- 3.4
Manufacturing	9,230	9,560	10,130	- 3.5	- 8.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,970	18,610	19,050	+ 1.9	- 0.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	83,790	82,710	84,790	+ 1.3	- 1.2
Manufacturing	28,270	28,050	29,980	+ 0.8	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	55,520	54,660	54,810	+ 1.6	+ 1.3
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,990	21,780	21,740	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	2,400	2,420	3,000	- 0.8	- 20.0
Nonmanufacturing	19,590	19,360	18,740	+ 1.2	+ 4.5

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982	Apr. 1983	Mar. 1983	Apr. 1982
Ansonia	$406.56	$395.71	$368.38	44.0	43.2	42.1	$9.24	$9.16	$8.75
Bridgeport	378.56	368.02	339.90	41.6	40.8	41.2	9.10	9.02	8.25
Bristol	380.43	383.11	351.66	40.3	40.8	38.9	9.44	9.39	9.04
Danbury	351.78	340.13	317.80	42.9	42.2	42.6	8.20	8.06	7.46
Danielson	300.30	297.61	249.53	38.5	38.6	35.8	7.80	7.71	6.97
Hartford	382.30	382.34	354.14	40.8	41.2	40.8	9.37	9.28	8.68
Meriden	316.22	321.53	305.45	38.8	39.5	41.0	8.15	8.14	7.45
Middletown	367.20	356.59	330.85	40.0	39.1	39.2	9.18	9.12	8.44
New Britain	363.26	355.29	329.26	41.0	40.1	40.4	8.86	8.86	8.15
New Haven	333.68	332.28	306.50	38.8	39.0	38.7	8.60	8.52	7.92
New London-Norwich	387.39	379.96	347.65	41.3	40.9	40.9	9.38	9.29	8.50
Norwalk	359.45	364.76	341.55	43.1	44.0	44.3	8.34	8.29	7.71
Stamford	334.22	333.04	298.19	39.6	39.6	39.6	8.44	8.41	7.53
Torrington	258.07	241.39	234.62	39.4	37.6	38.4	6.55	6.42	6.11
Waterbury	299.17	309.12	270.24	41.9	42.0	39.8	7.14	7.36	6.79
Willimantic	295.92	304.59	277.55	41.1	42.9	42.7	7.20	7.10	6.50

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1421.4	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRY IN CONNECTICUT AND ITS LABOR MARKET AREAS

A total of 26,600 jobs were added in the business services industry in Connecticut between 1975 and 1982, with an increase of 4,800 over the two-year span from 1980. Attention is being focused on this and other faster growing sectors of the labor market with a view to indicating industries and occupations in which job training and worker placement programs can be most profitably directed.

In the tables which follow, the business services industry is detailed from the years 1975 to 1982. Data shown includes the number of firms or reporting units present, recent employment levels and changes since 1975, and average annual earnings during the period from October 1981 through September 1982. As regards this last, it should be noted that the wages are aggregated from all levels of the occupational ladder from the most recently hired clerks to company presidents.

The business services segment which has added the most jobs since 1980 has been data processing services: it employed 1,553 more people in 1982 than in 1980 for an increase of 78.4 percent. This would appear to be a prime target for worker retraining programs, although many other factors have to be weighed in the balance before this type of decision can be made. This group consists of computer management contracting, data processing services, key punch services, and computer time leasing service among others.

Employment agencies, a class which encompasses executive placing services, labor contractors and maid registries among others, added 1,469 employees from 1980 to 1982. Average wages for the industry are good but executive placing services may be bringing up the average.

Another flourishing industry in recent years has been security agencies. Establishments in this industry provide personnel for investigating, patrolling and personal protection services, as well as for monitoring mechanical protective devices such as burglar and fire alarm systems. Almost 1,900 jobs have been added in security services since 1980, but the average pay is low because the industry employs many part-time workers.

A prosperous industry which has been growing in recent years is commercial photography, art and graphics. Because it is a relatively small---1,061 employees in September 1982---only 176 jobs were added during the 1980-1982 period, but its rate of growth since 1975 was the third fastest among the business services industries. The two which grew faster would not appear to be good candidates for retraining: temporary help services, because the jobs are not permanent; and management and public relations consultants, because of the very specialized nature of the experience required.

Substantial long-term growth since 1975 has also taken place in advertising agencies, computer programming and other software services, computer repair and related services, research and development laboratories, equipment rental services and "other" business services.

The labor market areas which have experienced the most growth in business services since 1980 have been Hartford, New London/Norwich, New Haven, Norwalk, and Danbury respectively.

The New London/Norwich, Willimantic, Bristol, Ansonia and Middletown labor market areas have experienced the greatest proportional growth.

The Hartford labor market area employs far and away the most workers in business services, over 16,500 in September 1982. Stamford, with a little more than half as much or 9,900 is second in the state, having experienced phenomenal growth during the 1975-80 period. New Haven and Bridgeport also have large business services industries, both employing about 7,300 persons. The Norwalk labor market area, with about 4,200 business services workers, reported the highest average wages for their business services employees, an average $25,754 per year.

TABLE I

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS - CONNECTICUT AND LABOR MARKET AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS IN BUSINESS SERVICE INDUSTRIES IN CONNECTICUT

Labor Market Area	3rd Quarter Reporting Units*	Sept.1982 Employees	Average Annual Earnings**	Changes in Employment to Sept. 1982 from Sept. 1980	Sept. 1975	Percent Change in Employmen to Sept. 1982 from Sept. 1980	Sept. 1975
Connecticut	5,100	60,700	$14,600	+ 4,800	+ 26,600	+ 8.6	+ 78.0
Ansonia	21	135	16,697	+ 36	+ 105	+ 36.4	+ 350.0
Bridgeport	532	7,267	9,463	+ 5	+ 3,950	+ 0.1	+ 119.1
Bristol	38	305	10,750	+ 102	+ 44	+ 50.2	+ 16.9
Danbury	319	2,842	16,408	+ 601	+ 1,766	+ 26.8	+ 164.1
Danielson	29	144	6,868	+ 20	+ 78	+ 16.1	+ 118.2
Hartford	1,055	16,576	13,536	+ 1,349	+ 5,877	+ 8.9	+ 54.9
Meriden	38	330	6,566	- 5	+ 117	- 1.4	+ 54.9
Middletown	112	544	11,457	+ 134	+ 377	+ 32.7	+ 225.7
New Britain	80	1,428	7,582	- 110	+ 487	- 7.1	+ 51.8
New Haven	589	7,330	10,920	+ 839	+ 1,624	+ 12.9	+ 25.0
New London/Norwich	186	2,488	12,354	+ 964	+ 1,845	+ 63.3	+ 286.9
Norwalk	563	4,247	25,754	+ 636	+ 1,953	+ 17.6	+ 85.1
Stamford	956	9,876	21,002	+ 168	+ 4,324	+ 1.7	+ 77.9
Torrington	62	534	8,792	- 4	+ 183	- 0.7	+ 52.1
Waterbury	198	3,032	9,437	- 7	+ 1,370	- 0.2	+ 82.4
Willimantic	23	75	8,750	+ 28	+ 33	+ 59.6	+ 78.6

*Number of reporting units covered under provisions of the Connecticut Unemployment Insurance Law during the July - September quarter of 1982.

**Based on earnings for the period from October 1981 through September 1982. The wide range in annual average earnings by area is due more to the type of services provided than to differences in wage levels for the same occupations.

Note: Labor market area data may not equal Connecticut data when summed, because some firms in Connecticut have no fixed location and are represented in State data but not area data.

TABLE II

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS -- UNITED STATES AND CONNECTICUT AND EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRY

	Reporting Units*	Employees	Average Annual Earnings	Change in Employment to Sept. 1982 from Sept.1980	Sept.1975	Percent Change in Employment to Sept. 1982 from Sept. 1980	Sept. 1975
United States							
Nonfarm Wage & Salary Workers	INA	89,523,000	INA	-1,260,000	+11,921,000	- 1.4	+ 15.4
Nonmanufacturing	INA	65,532,000	INA	+ 776,000	+11,384,000	+ 1.2	+ 21.0
Services	INA	19,122,000	INA	+1,207,000	+ 5,100,000	+ 6.7	+ 36.4
Business Services	INA	3,322,800	INA	+ 266,000	+ 1,241,500	+ 8.7	+ 59.7
Connecticut							
Nonfarm Wage & Salary Workers	80,078	1,440,200	$17,321	+ 8,700	+ 219,900	+ 0.6	+ 18.0
Nonmanufacturing	73,741	1,026,900	15,418	+ 33,000	+ 187,800	+ 3.3	+ 22.4
Services	13,117	306,400	13,858	+ 16,700	+ 85,300	+ 5.8	+ 38.6
Business Services	5,098	60,700	14,619	+ 4,800	+ 26,600	+ 8.6	+ 78.0
Advertising Agencies	281	1,504	24,174	+ 48	+ 532	+ 3.7	+ 54.7
Outdoor Advertizing	12	108	29,380	- 4	- 79	- 3.6	- 42.2
Media Advertising Representatives	29	120	23,347	+ 85	+ 74	+242.8	+ 160.9
Advertising, not elsewhere classified	39	258	23,856	- 101	+ 20	- 28.1	± 0.1
Credit Reporting & Collection Agencies	98	818	14,063	- 12	+ 90	- 1.4	∓ 12.4
Direct Mail Advertising	49	1,137	13,840	+ 76	+ 277	+ 7.2	+ 32.2
Blueprint and Photocopy Services	82	375	12,456	+ 63	+ 244	+ 20.2	+ 186.3
Commercial Photography, Art & Graphics	224	1,061	20,575	+ 176	+ 703	+ 19.9	+ 196.4
Stenographic and Reproduction Services	50	144	9,979	- 7	+ 66	- 4.6	+ 84.6
Exterminating Services	49	281	13,591	- 64	- 26	- 18.6	- 8.5
Building & Dwelling Maintenance	509	11,076	5,655	- 146	+ 3,583	- 1.3	+ 47.8
News Syndicates	10	43	24,758	+ 2	+ 14	+ 4.9	+ 48.3
Employment Agencies	314	4,540	11,676	+ 1,469	+ 3,276	+ 47.8	+ 259.2
Temporary Help Services	132	8,309	8,195	+ 1,123	+ 4,967	+ 15.6	+ 148.6
Personnel Supply, not elsewhere classified	5	15	20,012	- 51	- 22	- 77.3	- 59.5
Computer Programing & Software Services	172	1,264	25,331	- 33	+ 641	- 2.5	+ 102.9
Data Processing Services	173	3,534	19,936	+ 1,553	+ 2,060	+ 78.4	+ 139.8
Computer Related Services	220	1,480	24,485	+ 17	+ 1,206	+ 1.2	+ 440.1
Research and Development Laboratories	105	2,018	29,999	- 166	+ 946	- 7.6	+ 88.2
Management Consulting & Public Relations	1,448	8,028	29,414	+ 440	+ 4,677	+ 5.8	+ 139.6
Security Services	152	7,171	8,655	+ 889	+ 1,673	+ 14.2	+ 30.4
Equipment Rental	204	1,322	19,986	+ 15	+ 459	+ 1.1	+ 53.2
Photofinishing Labs	46	1,038	11,559	- 138	+ 276	- 11.7	+ 36.2
Trading Stamp Service	8	41	13,445	- 117	- 123	- 74.1	- 75.0
Commercial Testing Labs	41	335	18,877	- 301	- 62	- 47.3	- 15.6
Other Business Services	646	4,406	13,244	+ 5	+ 1,141	+ 0.1	+ 34.9

*Number of reporting units covered under provisions of the Connecticut Unemployment Insurance Law during the July-September Quarter of 1982

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CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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June 1983

Unemployment dropped for the second consecutive month in May when there were 13,100 more people working in what appears to be continuing economic recovery, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Other indicators also pointed to more favorable economic conditions in Connecticut with higher new car registrations, weekly wages and personal income and increased manufacturing output.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment (page 2), which had a monthly increase of 13,100, reached 1,432,800, the highest level since December 1982. Manufacturing jobs totaling 403,200, up 400 from April, were the highest in 11 months. There were manufacturing gains in machinery, electrical equipment and instruments and clocks, with employment holding steady in primary and fabricated metals. In nonmanufacturing industries, major April-May increases were recorded in construction (up 3,600), restaurants (up 2,400) and retail trade (up 3,800). Fourteen labor markets reported increased employment which dropped in two others (pages 5 & 6). Commissioner Peraro said that while seasonal influences contributed to new employment opportunities during May, lower interest rates and an otherwise improving economy were also important factors.

Average earnings of manufacturing production workers established a new record of $358.39 weekly, up $3.29 from April and $27.10 from May 1982 (page 3). Hourly earnings increased by eight-cents from the month before and 54-cents from last year. The 41.1-hour workweek was unchanged over the month and compared with 40.5 last year. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, weekly earnings totaled $336.40 at $8.41 per hour, 6.1 percent above last year's $317.06 and $7.93 hourly rate. Ansonia area workers continued to receive the highest weekly wage, $413.71, followed by Bristol, New London/Norwich and Hartford (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment at 101,600 or 6.3 percent in May was down from 112,100 or 7 percent in April and below last May's level of 105,700, 6.6% (page 4). The seasonally adjusted 7 percent rate dropped from 7.4 in April, nearly matched last year's 6.9 and continued well under the 10.1 percent national figure. Each of the 16 labor market areas recorded lower unemployment in May (page 4). Unemployment estimates include those persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: General improvement was noted in each economic indicator (page 7). Personal income of state residents continued its pattern of setting a new monthly record. New auto registrations increased and for the first five months of 1983 were up by more than one-third from the comparable period last year. First-time filings for unemployment benefits continued to decline and manufacturing output was at a high for 1983.

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NOTE: A profile of Connecticut's labor force for 1982 is attached.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

May 1983

	May 1983	Apr. 1983	May 1982(R)	% Change May '83 over Apr. '83	% Change May '83 over May '82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,432,800*	1,419,700*	1,433,800*	+ 0.9	- 0.1
Manufacturing............	403,200	402,800	421,100*	+ 0.1	- 4.3
Metallic Manufacturing...	286,100	285,800	302,400*	+ 0.1	- 5.4
Primary Metals..........	16,300	16,300	17,900*	0.0	- 8.9
Fabricated Metals.......	57,400	57,400	61,400	0.0	- 6.5
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	47,700	47,500	53,900	+ 0.4	- 11.5
Electrical Equipment....	49,600	49,400	50,000	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment	82,200	82,500	84,000*	- 0.4	- 2.1
Instruments & Clocks....	26,800	26,500	28,500*	+ 1.1	- 6.0
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,100	6,200	6,700	- 1.6	- 9.0
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	117,100	117,000	118,700*	0.1	- 1.3
Food....................	12,900	12,700	13,100	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Textiles................	7,100	7,100	7,700	0.0	- 7.8
Apparel.................	9,800	9,800	10,200	0.0	- 3.9
Furniture & Lumber......	6,400	6,300	6,500	+ 1.6	- 1.5
Paper...................	9,900	10,000	10,000	- 1.0	- 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,200	25,300	25,600	- 0.4	- 1.6
Chemicals...............	21,900	21,900	21,100*	0.0	+ 3.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,600	12,600	13,300	0.0	- 5.3
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,300	11,300	11,200	0.0	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing.........	1,029,600*	1,016,900*	1,012,700	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Construction............	50,100	46,500	50,900	+ 7.7	- 1.6
Transportation..........	30,900	29,300*	31,700	+ 5.5	- 2.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg	11,600	11,600	12,100	0.0	- 4.1
Other Transportation...	19,300	17,700*	19,600	+ 9.0	- 1.5
Communications..........	18,500	18,500	19,000	0.0	- 2.6
Utilities...............	11,900	11,900	11,800	0.0	+ 0.9
Trade...................	307,400*	303,700	301,800	+ 1.2	+ 1.9
Wholesale..............	78,700*	78,800	76,700	- 0.1	+ 2.6
Retail.................	228,700	224,900	225,100	+ 1.7	+ 1.6
General Merchandise...	31,800	31,200	30,200	+ 1.9	+ 5.3
Food Stores...........	41,700	41,500	39,200	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta..	23,000	23,000	23,500	0.0	- 2.1
Restaurants...........	70,700	68,300	69,600	+ 3.5	+ 1.6
Other Retail Trade....	61,500	60,900	62,600	+ 1.0	- 1.8
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	115,500	115,200	112,500	+ 0.3	+ 2.7
Banking................	28,300	28,200	26,800	+ 0.4	+ 5.6
Insurance..............	64,700	64,700	63,900	0.0	+ 1.2
Real Estate............	9,600	9,400	9,400	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	12,900	12,900	12,400	0.0	+ 4.0
Services................	309,200	305,900	302,100	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
Hotels.................	7,100	6,700	7,300	+ 6.0	- 2.7
Personal Services......	15,100	15,400	14,800	- 2.0	+ 2.0
Business Services......	62,100	61,400	59,600	+ 1.1	+ 4.2
Health Services........	103,200	103,200	100,800	0.0	+ 2.4
Law & Professional.....	21,900	22,000	20,900	- 0.5	+ 4.8
Educational Services...	30,400	29,900	29,800	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
Other Services.........	69,400	67,300	68,900	+ 3.1	+ 0.7
Government..............	186,100	185,900	182,900	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Federal................	21,300	21,100	21,300	+ 1.0	0.0
State & Local..........	164,800	164,800	161,600	0.0	+ 2.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - MAY 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1983	Apr. 1983(R)	May 1982	May 1983	Apr. 1983	May 1982	May 1983	Apr. 1983(R)	May 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$358.39	$355.10	$331.29	41.1	41.1	40.5	$8.72	$8.64	$8.18
Metallic Manufacturing......	369.64	367.22	344.81	41.3	41.4	41.0	8.95	8.87	8.41
Primary Metals.............	402.66	392.35	361.09	42.7	42.6	41.6	9.43	9.21	8.68
Fabricated Metals..........	337.00	332.47	309.87	41.4	41.3	40.4	8.14	8.05	7.67
Machinery..................	387.04	378.80	369.56	41.0	40.6	41.9	9.44	9.33	8.82
Electrical Equipment.......	297.68	298.57	273.32	40.5	40.9	39.9	7.35	7.30	6.85
Transportation Equipment...	444.22	444.88	419.00	41.4	41.5	41.2	10.73	10.72	10.17
Instruments & Clocks.......	343.31	342.28	319.40	42.7	43.0	42.7	8.04	7.96	7.48
Other Metallic Mfg.........	301.73	301.32	281.24	40.5	40.5	40.7	7.45	7.44	6.91
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	330.07	326.84	295.96	40.4	40.5	39.2	8.17	8.07	7.55
Food.......................	335.34	324.35	301.32	40.5	39.7	39.7	8.28	8.17	7.59
Textiles...................	260.94	267.02	233.47	38.6	39.5	37.0	6.76	6.76	6.31
Apparel....................	196.32	197.45	184.88	35.5	35.9	34.3	5.53	5.50	5.39
Lumber & Furniture.........	270.95	273.48	248.62	40.2	40.1	40.1	6.74	6.82	6.20
Paper......................	408.11	404.51	373.40	44.7	45.4	44.4	9.13	8.91	8.41
Printing & Publishing......	326.71	317.19	309.96	37.0	36.5	37.3	8.83	8.69	8.31
Chemicals..................	417.78	415.81	383.22	42.5	43.0	41.7	9.83	9.67	9.19
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	310.34	307.27	272.35	41.6	41.3	39.3	7.46	7.44	6.93
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	360.40	355.30	313.22	42.6	42.5	39.9	8.46	8.36	7.85
Construction...............	591.32	565.49	501.78	39.5	38.6	38.1	14.97	14.65	13.17

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	May 1983		Apr. 1983		May 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	101,600	6.3	112,100	7.0	105,700	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.0)		(7.4)		(6.9)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,500	10.1	1,900	12.1	1,600	10.2
Bridgeport.............	14,800	7.7	16,500	8.6	13,500	7.0
Bristol................	3,100	8.8	3,800	10.8	3,800	10.7
Danbury................	5,500	5.3	6,000	5.9	5,100	5.1
Danielson..............	2,500	8.4	3,000	10.0	2,700	9.1
Hartford...............	22,000	5.6	24,100	6.2	23,400	6.0
Meriden................	2,600	10.1	2,900	11.2	2,600	9.9
Middletown.............	3,300	5.7	3,500	6.1	3,600	6.1
New Britain............	5,400	7.5	5,700	7.9	6,100	8.2
New Haven..............	13,100	6.6	14,500	7.3	13,200	6.6
New London/Norwich.....	5,600	5.0	6,000	5.4	6,400	5.8
Norwalk................	3,600	4.5	3,800	4.9	3,400	4.4
Stamford...............	5,600	4.3	5,800	4.5	5,200	4.1
Torrington.............	3,900	9.5	4,600	11.1	4,200	9.8
Waterbury..............	8,100	7.8	8,800	8.5	9,600	9.0
Willimantic............	1,000	3.8	1,200	4.5	1,300	4.8
U.S. Total-Actual........	10,765,000	9.8	11,035,000	10.0	9,957,000	9.1
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.1)		(10.2)		(9.4)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	May '83	April '83	May '82
All Items.............	297.1	295.5	287.1
Percent Change From....	XXX	+0.5	+3.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to May 1983 from:	
Area	May'83	Apr.'83	May'82 (R)	Apr.'83	May'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,690	7,610	7,970	+ 1.1	- 3.5
Manufacturing	2,260	2,250	2,530	+ 0.4	- 10.7
Nonmanufacturing	5,430	5,360	5,440	+ 1.3	- 0.2
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	164,160	163,640*	168,250*	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Manufacturing	57,660	57,870	61,440*	- 0.4	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	106,500	105,770*	106,810	+ 0.7	- 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,600	22,330	22,510	+ 1.2	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	8,680	8,640	8,930	+ 0.5	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,920	13,690	13,580	+ 1.7	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	72,760	71,900	71,920	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	26,190	25,980	27,090	+ 0.8	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	46,570	45,920	44,830	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,550	20,260	20,660	+ 1.4	- 0.5
Manufacturing	9,360	9,210	9,650	+ 1.6	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	11,190	11,050	11,010	+ 1.3	+ 1.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,540	395,660	400,350	+ 1.5	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	87,630	87,090	92,530	+ 0.6	- 5.3
Nonmanufacturing	313,910	308,570	307,820	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,510	20,520	21,320	- 0.1	- 3.8
Manufacturing	4,620	4,730	5,500	- 2.3	- 16.0
Nonamnufacturing	15,890	15,790	15,820	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,570	44,050	45,570	+ 1.2	- 2.2
Manufacturing	14,160	14,330	15,030	- 1.2	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	30,410	29,720	30,540	+ 2.3	- 0.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,700	59,380*	61,580*	+ 0.5	- 3.1
Manufacturing	24,580	24,680*	26,540*	- 0.4	- 7.4
Nonmanufacturing	35,120	34,700	35,040	+ 1.2	+ 0.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	185,440*	183,680*	188,260*	+ 1.0	- 1.5
Manufacturing	37,410	37,980	39,950*	- 1.5	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	148,030*	145,700*	148,310	+ 1.6	- 0.2
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	98,200	97,270	96,540*	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	36,020	36,170	35,240*	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	62,180	61,100	61,300*	+ 1.8	+ 1.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,270	63,840	63,820*	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	21,080	21,350	21,140*	- 1.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	43,190	42,490	42,680	+ 1.6	+ 1.2

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	May'83	Apr.'83	May'82(R)	Percent Change to May 1983 from: Apr.'83	May'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,730	114,670*	114,670*	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	32,340	32,360	32,410*	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	83,390	82,310*	82,260	+ 1.3	+ 1.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,500	28,200	29,510	+ 1.1	- 3.4
Manufacturing	9,100	9,230	9,940	- 1.4	- 8.5
Nonmanufacturing	19,400	18,970	19,570	+ 2.3	- 0.9
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	84,540	83,790	85,590	+ 0.9	- 1.2
Manufacturing	28,230	28,270	29,790	- 0.1	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	56,310	55,520	55,800	+ 1.4	+ 0.9
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,960	21,990	21,600	- 0.1	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	2,310	2,400	3,060	- 3.8	- 24.5
Nonmanufacturing	19,650	19,590	18,540	+ 0.3	+ 6.0

(R) Revised

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnin		
	May 1983	Apr. 1983	May 1982	May 1983	Apr. 1983	May 1982	May 1983	Apr. 1983	Ma 19
Ansonia	$413.71	$406.56	$366.96	44.2	44.0	41.7	$9.36	$9.24	$8.
Bridgeport	378.72	378.56	344.86	41.3	41.6	41.5	9.17	9.10	8.
Bristol	395.65	380.43	352.80	41.0	40.3	38.6	9.65	9.44	9.
Danbury	355.97	351.78	314.81	43.2	42.9	42.2	8.24	8.20	7.
Danielson	312.44	300.30	276.36	39.7	38.5	39.2	7.87	7.80	7.
Hartford	382.12	382.30	358.28	41.0	40.8	40.9	9.32	9.37	8.
Meriden	323.53	316.22	312.16	38.7	38.8	41.4	8.36	8.15	7.
Middletown	362.46	367.20	334.11	39.7	40.0	39.4	9.13	9.18	8.
New Britain	369.15	363.26	325.01	41.2	41.0	39.3	8.96	8.86	8.
New Haven	319.68	333.68	311.20	37.0	38.8	38.9	8.64	8.60	8.
New London-Norwich	384.46	387.39	347.99	40.9	41.3	40.7	9.40	9.38	8.
Norwalk	354.84	359.45	330.30	42.7	43.1	42.4	8.31	8.34	7.
Stamford	331.96	334.22	298.65	39.1	39.6	39.4	8.49	8.44	7.
Torrington	264.27	258.07	238.62	39.8	39.4	38.8	6.64	6.55	6.
Waterbury	315.88	299.17	274.28	42.4	41.9	40.1	7.45	7.14	6.
Willimantic	296.21	295.92	275.10	40.3	41.1	42.0	7.35	7.20	6.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1421.4	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

R - Revised data

A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT--1982

The data on the following page is taken from unpublished tabulations developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a monthly household survey which yields information on labor force status by age, race and sex. For smaller states like Connecticut it is the only source available for reasonably current information regarding these characteristics. Because the sample is not large, however, the data is only published once a year in the form of annual averages, and great caution must be used in evaluating the findings in some of the smaller subgroups represented. More detailed summaries will be published later in the year in the Bureau's Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment.

The 1982 data show a rise of 34,000 in Connecticut's civilian non-institutional population 16 years old and over. The greater part of the growth took place in the female segment of the 16-and-over population as their number increased by 20,000 between 1981 and 1982. The male population 16-and-over moved up at a slower rate, by 14,000 to a total of 1,144,000. Because of a steady downturn in the birthrate in the State in the 1960's, the youth population from 16-19 years of age declined by 38,000 from 1981 to 1982, and the 121,000 persons in this age group in the labor force make up only slightly more than 7.5 percent of all labor force participants.

An analysis of both the employment and unemployment segments of the civilian labor force reveals that males have borne the brunt of the year's poor economic performance. An average of 63,000 men were unemployed in 1982, up 16,000 from 1981. An additional 6,000 jobs were counted during the year but they were filled by women whose number employed increased by an estimated 19,000 from 1981.

A close look at the occupational rearrangement taking place in 1982 (table II) sheds some light on the changes described above. The recession, while affecting most segments of the labor force to some degree, hit the blue collar workers hardest. There are more than three times as many men employed in these occupations as women, so it follows that male employment fell and unemployment rose. White collar and service work expanded during the year, and with more women employed in these occupations their number at work rose and their unemployment level fell. The large number of women who entered the labor force may have done so as a response to economic pressures brought on by the unemployment of other family breadwinners.

Youth, ages 16-19, continued to experience very high unemployment with 22,000 out of a total of 121,000 in the labor force without jobs. While there were fewer employed in 1982 than in 1981, more held white collar jobs as professional and technical workers, managers and administrators and sales workers. They also increased their proportional participation as craft and kindred workers, and operatives.

Black workers had unemployment rates which ranged from two to three times as high as white workers. While the actual number of black workers employed has risen, the growth in the numbers available for work caused their jobless ratio to only edge lower from 17.7 to 16.7 percent, and the rate for black males--22.2 percent--was the highest for any group measured. On the plus side, 1982 saw some progress in the proportional representation of blacks as professional and technical workers, managers and administrators, sales workers, craft and kindred workers, and service workers.

Women too, saw growth in their representation in all segments of white collar and service work except clerical occupations, but their participation in blue collar work declined.

TABLE I

CONNECTICUT
LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX AND RACE
1981 and 1982 ANNUAL AVERAGES
(numbers in thousands)

	Civilian Non-institutional Population 16 Years old and over		CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE				EMPLOYMENT		UNEMPLOYMENT			
			1982		1981		1982	1981	1982		1981	
	1982	1981	Number	Participation Rate	Number	Participation Rate	Number	Number	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
TOTAL	2,425	2,391	1,608	66.3	1,589	66.5	1,497	1,491	111	6.9	98	6.2
Men	1,144	1,130	898	78.5	894	79.2	835	847	63	7.1	47	5.3
Women	1,281	1,261	710	55.4	694	55.1	662	643	48	6.7	51	7.4
Both Sexes 16-19 years	201	239	121	60.1	146	60.9	99	121	22	18.3	25	17.2
White	2,267	2,242	1,493	65.9	1,485	66.2	1,400	1,405	93	6.2	80	5.4
Men	1,070	1,064	838	78.3	844	79.3	788	804	51	6.1	40	4.7
Women	1,197	1,177	654	54.7	641	54.4	612	600	42	6.4	40	6.3
Both Sexes 16-19 years	182	215	113	62.0	136	63.2	97	115	16	14.2	21	15.6
Black	146	141	108	74.4	99	70.3	90	81	18	16.7	18	17.7
Men	70	62	56	79.8	47	75.7	43	39	12	22.2	7	15.7
Women	76	79	53	69.4	52	66.1	47	42	6	11.0	10	19.6
Both Sexes 16-19 years	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

INA Information not available - Data are not shown when they do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics standards for reliability.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

TABLE II

CONNECTICUT

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYED WORKERS BY SEX AND RACE 1/
1981 and 1982 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Total employment (thousands)	WHITE COLLAR WORKERS					BLUE COLLAR WORKERS					OTHER	
1982		Total	Prof. & technical workers	Mgrs. & Administrators expt. farm	Sales workers	Clerical workers	Total	Craft & Kindred workers	Operatives except transportation	Transp. equipment operatives	Non-farm laborers	Service workers	Farm workers
Total	1,497	60.0	20.9	13.1	6.1	19.9	27.6	12.8	9.7	2.4	2.7	12.0	0.4
Men	835	51.8	21.3	18.0	6.1	6.3	39.3	21.8	9.2	4.1	4.3	8.3	0.7
Women	662	70.4	20.4	6.8	6.2	37.0	12.8	1.6	10.3	0.2	0.6	16.8	2/
Both Sexes 16-19 years	99	38.3	2.6	1.6	13.0	21.1	29.3	5.7	8.2	2.7	12.7	31.0	1.4
White (both sexes)	1,400	61.4	21.5	13.6	6.4	19.9	27.2	12.9	9.4	2.3	2.6	11.0	0.4
Black (both sexes)	90	37.9	11.5	3.6	1.9	20.8	34.7	13.0	14.1	4.8	2.8	27.4	2/
1981													
Total	1,491	57.6	19.4	12.4	5.6	20.2	30.5	13.2	10.7	2.9	3.7	11.5	0.3
Men	847	50.0	20.8	16.8	5.6	6.8	41.8	21.6	9.9	4.6	5.7	7.7	0.5
Women	643	67.5	17.5	6.6	5.6	37.9	15.8	2.2	11.9	.6	1.2	16.5	0.2
Both Sexes 16-19 years	121	30.9	1.7	.3	7.4	21.6	31.2	5.4	7.5	2.4	15.9	36.5	1.4
White (both sexes)	1,405	58.8	19.9	13.0	5.9	20.0	29.9	13.4	10.2	2.6	3.7	11.0	0.4
Black (both sexes)	81	36.0	8.3	1.8	.6	25.3	42.5	10.4	20.3	7.0	4.8	21.5	2/

1/Excludes persons with no previous full-time work experience.
2/Fewer than 500 persons employed or less than 0.05 percent of total employment.
NOTE: Items may not add to subtotals due to rounding.

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July 1983

Employment, personal income and average weekly wages increased in Connecticut during June when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by six-tenths of one percent and other economic indicators also improved, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: There were 1,440,100 people working in nonagricultural jobs in June, 7,300 higher than May and nearly matched last June's total of 1,441,800 (page 2). Manufacturing employment was down slightly, reflecting a 3,400 monthly decline in transportation equipment due largely to a labor-management dispute. Most other manufacturing categories recorded monthly employment increases. A continued seasonal rise in construction jobs together with gains in retail trade and other areas, boosted nonmanufacturing employment by 7,800 to 1,037,400. Educational services and government jobs decreased mainly because of school systems closing for the summer.

Average weekly earnings of Connecticut factory production workers rose to a new high of $359.26 in June, the average workweek was up slightly to 41.2-hours and hourly earnings were unchanged at $8.72 (page 3). Straight-time, 40-hour earnings of $8.40 hourly and $336 weekly were the same as May. This June's figures represent an increase of (6.2%) 51-cents in hourly earnings and (8.9%) $29.22 in weekly wages from June 1982. Highest weekly wages were earned in the Ansonia, Bristol, Bridgeport, New London/Norwich, Hartford and New Britain labor market areas (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment at 104,600 or 6.4 percent in June compared with 101,600 and 6.3 percent in May and 111,600 and 6.8 percent a year ago (page 4). The seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate dropped from May's 7 percent to 6.4, well under the comparable national figure of 10 percent. Seven labor market areas reported lower unemployment which increased in eight and was unchanged in one. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to the highest weekly wages and personal income and employment gains, manufacturing output advanced in June, new automobile registrations increased to a 1983 high and new filings for unemployment benefits (seasonally adjusted) dropped to a low for the year (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

June 1983

	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982(R)	% Change June '83 over May '83	% Change June '83 over June '82
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,440,100*	1,432,800*	1,441,800*	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Manufacturing..............	402,700*	403,200	420,200*	- 0.1	- 4.2
Metallic Manufacturing....	284,100*	286,100	300,500*	- 0.7	- 5.5
Primary Metals...........	16,400	16,300	17,600	+ 0.6	- 6.8
Fabricated Metals........	57,800	57,400	59,700	+ 0.7	- 3.2
Machinery, Ex. Elec......	47,900	47,700	52,900	+ 0.4	- 9.4
Electrical Equipment.....	50,000	49,600	50,400	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Transportation Equipment.	78,800*	82,200	84,800	- 4.1	- 7.1
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,100	26,800	28,400*	+ 1.1	- 4.6
Other Metallic Mfg.......	6,100	6,100	6,700	0.0	- 9.0
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	118,600	117,100	119,700	+ 1.3	- 0.9
Food.....................	13,300	12,900	13,500	+ 3.1	- 1.5
Textiles.................	7,200	7,100	7,500	+ 1.4	- 4.0
Apparel..................	9,700	9,800	10,300	- 1.0	- 5.8
Furniture & Lumber.......	6,400	6,400	6,600	0.0	- 3.0
Paper....................	10,200	9,900	9,900	+ 3.0	+ 3.0
Printing & Publishing....	25,400	25,200	25,700	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Chemicals................	22,100	21,900	21,600	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	12,800	12,600	13,200	+ 1.6	- 3.0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,500	11,300	11,400	+ 1.8	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing...........	1,037,400*	1,029,600*	1,021,600*	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Construction.............	52,500	50,100	52,600*	+ 4.8	- 0.2
Transportation...........	31,600	30,900	32,000	+ 2.3	- 1.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,000	11,600	12,300	+ 3.4	- 2.4
Other Transportation....	19,600	19,300	19,700	+ 1.6	- 0.5
Communications...........	18,400	18,500	19,100	- 0.5	- 3.7
Utilities................	12,200	11,900	11,900	+ 2.5	+ 2.5
Trade....................	310,300*	307,400*	305,100	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Wholesale...............	79,100*	78,700*	77,600	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Retail..................	231,200	228,700	227,500	+ 1.1	+ 1.6
General Merchandise....	32,000	31,800	30,600	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Food Stores............	42,500	41,700	40,100	+ 1.9	+ 6.0
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta....	23,200	23,000	23,400	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Restaurants............	71,400	70,700	70,000	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Other Retail Trade.....	62,100	61,500	63,400	+ 1.0	- 2.1
Finance, Ins. & R.E......	117,400	115,500	114,700	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Banking.................	29,000	28,300	27,300	+ 2.5	+ 6.2
Insurance...............	65,300	64,700	65,000	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Real Estate.............	10,000	9,600	9,800	+ 4.2	+ 2.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	13,100	12,900	12,600	+ 1.6	+ 4.0
Services.................	310,400*	309,200	304,600	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Hotels..................	7,500	7,100	7,700	+ 5.6	- 2.6
Personal Services.......	15,200	15,100	14,900	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
Business Services.......	62,600	62,100	60,200	+ 0.8	+ 4.0
Health Services.........	104,000	103,200	101,900	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Law & Professional......	22,200	21,900	21,400	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
Educational Services....	28,300	30,400	28,100	- 6.9	+ 0.7
Other Services..........	70,600*	69,400	70,400	+ 1.7	+ 0.3
Government...............	184,600	186,100	181,600	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Federal.................	21,300	21,300	21,400	0.0	- 0.5
State & Local...........	163,300	164,800	160,200	- 0.9	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - JUNE 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$359.26	$358.39	$330.04	41.2	41.1	40.2	$8.72	$8.72	$8.21
Metallic Manufacturing......	372.26	369.64	343.07	41.5	41.3	40.6	8.97	8.95	8.45
Primary Metals.............	402.17	402.66	363.96	42.2	42.7	41.5	9.53	9.43	8.77
Fabricated Metals..........	338.25	337.00	310.71	41.3	41.4	40.3	8.19	8.14	7.71
Machinery..................	392.89	387.04	365.38	41.4	41.0	41.1	9.49	9.44	8.89
Electrical Equipment.......	300.03	297.68	268.31	40.6	40.5	39.4	7.39	7.35	6.81
Transportation Equipment...	451.61	444.22	414.73	41.7	41.4	40.7	10.83	10.73	10.19
Instruments & Clocks.......	347.44	343.31	320.88	43.0	42.7	42.5	8.08	8.04	7.55
Other Metallic Mfg.........	303.96	301.73	280.42	40.8	40.5	40.7	7.45	7.45	6.89
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	332.11	330.07	297.16	40.7	40.4	39.1	8.16	8.17	7.60
Food.......................	336.18	335.34	301.82	40.7	40.5	39.3	8.26	8.28	7.68
Textiles...................	275.93	260.94	243.81	40.4	38.6	37.8	6.83	6.76	6.45
Apparel....................	202.03	196.32	183.73	36.6	35.5	34.6	5.52	5.53	5.31
Lumber & Furniture.........	278.80	270.95	244.55	40.7	40.2	39.7	6.85	6.74	6.16
Paper......................	409.81	408.11	374.25	44.4	44.7	44.5	9.23	9.13	8.41
Printing & Publishing......	326.24	326.71	309.86	37.2	37.0	36.8	8.77	8.83	8.42
Chemicals..................	414.83	417.78	376.58	42.2	42.5	40.8	9.83	9.83	9.23
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	309.83	310.34	273.53	41.7	41.6	39.3	7.43	7.46	6.96
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	362.92	360.40	324.01	43.0	42.6	40.4	8.44	8.46	8.02
Construction...............	602.09	591.32	496.67	39.9	39.5	37.4	15.09	14.97	13.28

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	June	1983	May	1983	June	1982 (R)
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	104,600	6.4	101,600	6.3	111,600	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.4)		(7.0)		(6.6)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,500	9.4	1,500	10.7	1,700	11.0
Bridgeport.............	15,300	7.8	14,800	7.7	14,900	7.6
Bristol................	3,000	8.5	3,100	8.8	3,700	10.5
Danbury................	5,700	5.4	5,500	5.3	5,400	5.3
Danielson..............	2,400	7.8	2,500	8.4	3,000	9.7
Hartford...............	22,800	5.8	22,000	5.6	24,400	6.2
Meriden................	2,600	10.0	2,600	10.1	2,600	9.8
Middletown.............	3,800	6.4	3,300	5.7	3,800	6.4
New Britain............	5,100	7.1	5,400	7.5	7,400	9.8
New Haven..............	14,800	7.3	13,100	6.6	14,500	7.2
New London/Norwich.....	5,800	5.1	5,600	5.0	6,000	5.4
Norwalk................	3,700	4.6	3,600	4.5	4,000	5.1
Stamford...............	5,700	4.3	5,600	4.3	5,400	4.2
Torrington.............	4,000	9.4	3,900	9.5	4,000	9.3
Waterbury..............	7,400	6.9	8,100	7.8	9,600	9.0
Willimantic............	1,000	4.1	1,000	3.8	1,200	5.0
U.S. Total-Actual........	11,570,000	10.2	10,765,000	9.8	10,886,000	9.8
Seasonally Adjusted......		(10.0)		(10.1)		(9.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	June '83	May '83	June '82
All Items.............	298.1	297.1	290.6
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 2.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	June'83	May '83	June'82(R)	Percent Change to June 1983 from: May '83	Percent Change to June 1983 from: June'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,800	7,690	8,140	+ 1.4	- 4.2
Manufacturing	2,290	2,260	2,540	+ 1.3	- 9.8
Nonmanufacturing	5,510	5,430	5,600	+ 1.5	- 1.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	165,350	164,160	169,210	+ 0.7	- 2.3
Manufacturing	57,910	57,660	61,470	+ 0.4	- 5.8
Nonmanufacturing	107,440	106,500	107,740	+ 0.9	- 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,980	22,600	22,630	+ 1.7	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	8,840	8,680	8,840	+ 1.8	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,140	13,920	13,790	+ 1.6	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	73,480*	72,760	73,180	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	26,400	26,190	27,490	+ 0.8	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	47,080*	46,570	45,690	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,730	20,550	20,820	+ 0.9	- 0.4
Manufacturing	9,440	9,360	9,710	+ 0.9	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	11,290	11,190	11,110	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	400,640*	399,540(R)	401,530	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Manufacturing	87,270	87,630	92,460	- 0.4	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	313,370*	311,910	309,070	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,860	20,510	21,540	+ 1.7	- 3.2
Manufacturing	4,830	4,620	5,560	+ 4.5	- 13.1
Nonmanufacturing	16,030	15,890	15,980	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,670	44,570	45,820	+ 0.2	- 2.5
Manufacturing	13,970	14,160	14,890	- 1.3	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	30,700	30,410	30,930	+ 1.0	- 0.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,070	59,700	61,070*	- 1.1	- 3.3
Manufacturing	24,170	24,580	26,210*	- 1.7	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	34,900	35,120	34,860	- 0.6	+ 0.1
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	185,170*	185,440*	188,880*	- 0.1	- 2.0
Manufacturing	36,770	37,410	39,910*	- 1.7	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	148,400*	148,030*	148,970*	+ 0.2	- 0.4
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	99,190*	98,200	98,740*	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	16,160*	36,020	36,160	+ 0.4	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	63,030	62,180	62,580*	+ 1.4	+ 0.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,370	64,270	64,690*	+ 1.7	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	21,420	21,080	21,170*	+ 1.6	+ 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	43,950	43,190	43,520	+ 1.8	+ 1.0

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	June'83	May '83	June'82(R)	Percent Change to June 1983 from: May '83	June'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	117,040	115,730	116,750	+ 1.1	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	32,340	32,340	32,810	0.0	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	84,700	83,390	83,940	+ 1.6	+ 0.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,910	28,500	29,870	+ 1.4	- 3.2
Manufacturing	9,260	9,100	10,100	+ 1.8	- 8.3
Nonmanufacturing	19,650	19,400	19,770	+ 1.3	- 0.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	85,890	84,540	86,100	+ 1.6	- 0.2
Manufacturing	28,780	28,230	29,950	+ 1.9	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	57,110	56,310	56,150	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,430	21,960	19,060	- 11.5	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	2,260	2,310	2,830	- 2.2	- 20.1
Nonmanufacturing	17,170	19,650	16,230	- 12.6	+ 5.8

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982	June 1983	May 1983	June 1982
Ansonia	$409.84	$413.71	$357.94	43.6	44.2	40.4	$9.40	$9.36	$8.86
Bridgeport	386.82	378.72	346.92	42.0	41.3	41.3	9.21	9.17	8.40
Bristol	397.44	395.65	357.35	41.1	41.0	38.8	9.67	9.65	9.21
Danbury	354.38	355.97	314.34	42.8	43.2	41.8	8.28	8.24	7.52
Danielson	320.39	312.44	284.09	40.3	39.7	39.9	7.95	7.87	7.12
Hartford	381.19	382.12	356.47	40.9	41.0	40.6	9.32	9.32	8.78
Meriden	317.98	323.53	310.84	39.5	38.7	40.9	8.05	8.36	7.60
Middletown	360.70	362.46	335.55	39.9	39.7	39.2	9.04	9.13	8.56
New Britain	370.23	369.15	338.15	41.0	41.2	40.4	9.03	8.96	8.37
New Haven	336.69	319.68	311.08	38.7	37.0	38.5	8.70	8.64	8.08
New London/ Norwich	383.67	384.46	340.49	40.6	40.9	39.5	9.45	9.40	8.62
Norwalk	364.50	354.84	322.22	43.6	42.7	41.1	8.36	8.31	7.84
Stamford	333.06	331.96	301.78	39.0	39.1	39.5	8.54	8.49	7.64
Torrington	270.95	264.27	237.46	40.2	39.8	38.3	6.74	6.64	6.20
Waterbury	316.41	315.88	277.89	42.7	42.4	40.1	7.41	7.45	6.93
Willimantic	299.36	296.21	247.78	40.4	40.3	37.6	7.41	7.35	6.59

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1421.4	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....	1440.1	1423.0	5352	5268	6.4	6.4
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
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Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11984	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
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August 1983

Temporary vacation shutdowns caused employment to drop during July when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.1 percent was the lowest in two years, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Elsewhere in the state's economy, factory wages and personal income of state residents once again set new highs.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 20,300 from June to 1,419,800 which exceeded the July 1982 total of 1,416,900 (page 2). A reduction in manufacturing employment of 6,700 was due mainly to temporary seasonal shutdowns and vacations at many firms. The furloughing of school support staff who normally do not work in the summer was largely responsible for a reduction in the local and state government category. Construction gained 1,500 jobs for a July level of 54,000, slightly higher than a year earlier. Other monthly increases were in trade and finance, insurance and real estate as well as hotels, business and other services.

A record $363.85 was reached in the average weekly pay of factory production workers, with hourly earnings up 9-cents from June to a new high of $8.81 for a slightly longer workweek of 41.3 hours (page 3). Weekly earnings were 9.7 percent higher ($32.25) than a year ago and the hourly rate was up by 6.3 percent (52-cents). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings in July were $8.48 and $339.20 weekly, a 5.1 percent increase from last July's $8.07 hourly and $322.80 weekly pay. Wages were highest in the Ansonia area, followed by Bristol, Hartford, Bridgeport, New London/Norwich and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped by 1,400 to 103,200 in July and the rate moved from 6.4 to 6.3 percent (page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the rate declined for the fourth consecutive month to a 1983 low of 6.1 percent, which compared with 9.5 nationally. It was the lowest seasonally adjusted jobless rate in Connecticut since the summer of 1981. Unemployment decreased in nine labor market areas, increased in six and remained stable in Hartford.

Other Economic Factors: Personal income of state residents continued to rise, setting a new high in July (page 7). Other economic indicators, when seasonally adjusted, showed lower new filings for unemployment benefits, a slight decline in manufacturing output and the highest employment since February 1982.

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Included with this report are tables of average weekly earnings of all workers covered by unemployment compensation laws for 1982 and the fourth quarter of 1981.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	% Change July '83 over June '83	% Change July '83 over July '82
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,419,800*	1,440,100*	1,416,900*	- 1.4	+ 0.2
Manufacturing..............	396,000*	402,700*	409,800*	- 1.7	- 3.4
Metallic Manufacturing....	279,600*	284,100*	293,400*	- 1.6	- 4.7
Primary Metals...........	16,300	16,400	17,400	- 0.6	- 6.3
Fabricated Metals........	56,100*	57,800	57,600	- 2.9	- 2.6
Machinery, Ex. Elec......	47,500	47,900	50,300	- 0.8	- 5.6
Electrical Equipment.....	49,200	50,000	50,000	- 1.6	- 1.6
Transportation Equipment.	78,100*	78,800*	83,700	- 0.9	- 6.7
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,000	27,100	27,700*	- 0.4	- 2.5
Other Metallic Mfg.......	5,400	6,100	6,700	- 11.5	- 19.4
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	116,400	118,600	116,400	- 1.9	0.0
Food.....................	13,500	13,300	13,200	+ 1.5	+ 2.3
Textiles.................	7,100	7,200	7,200	- 1.4	- 1.4
Apparel..................	8,500	9,700	8,700	- 12.4	- 2.3
Furniture & Lumber.......	6,300	6,400	6,500	- 1.6	- 3.1
Paper....................	10,200	10,200	9,800	0.0	+ 4.1
Printing & Publishing....	25,300	25,400	25,400	- 0.4	- 0.4
Chemicals................	21,900	22,100	21,400	- 0.9	+ 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	12,500	12,800	12,900	- 2.3	- 3.1
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	11,100	11,500	11,300	- 3.5	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing...........	1,023,800*	1,037,400*	1,007,100*	- 1.3	+ 1.7
Construction.............	54,000	52,500	53,900	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
Transportation...........	28,800	31,600	29,600	- 8.9	- 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,000	12,000	12,400	0.0	- 3.2
Other Transportation....	16,800	19,600	17,200	- 14.3	- 2.3
Communications...........	18,400	18,400	19,300	0.0	- 4.7
Utilities................	12,200	12,200	11,900	0.0	+ 2.5
Trade....................	310,200*	310,300*	303,600	0.0**	+ 2.2
Wholesale...............	79,700*	79,100*	78,400	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Retail..................	230,500	231,200	225,200	- 0.3	+ 2.4
General Merchandise....	32,100	32,000	30,000	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Food Stores............	42,800	42,500	40,500	+ 0.7	+ 5.7
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	23,400	23,200	23,200	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Restaurants............	70,500	71,400	68,900	- 1.3	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade.....	61,700	62,100	62,600	- 0.6	- 1.4
Finance, Ins. & R.E......	118,100	117,400	115,500	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Banking................	29,100	29,000	27,800	+ 0.3	+ 4.7
Insurance..............	65,700	65,300	65,200	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Real Estate............	10,100	10,000	9,800	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E..	13,200	13,100	12,700	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Services.................	313,600	310,400*	307,100*	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
Hotels.................	8,600	7,500	8,600	+ 14.7	0.0
Personal Services.......	15,000	15,200	14,700	- 1.3	+ 2.0
Business Services.......	64,000	62,600	62,000	+ 2.2	+ 3.2
Health Services.........	104,000	104,000	101,500*	0.0	+ 2.5
Law & Professional......	22,200	22,200	21,300	0.0	+ 4.2
Educational Services....	26,900	28,300	26,400	- 5.0	+ 1.9
Other Services..........	72,900	70,600*	72,600	+ 3.3	+ 0.4
Government...............	168,500	184,600	166,200	- 8.7	+ 1.4
Federal.................	21,400	21,300	21,700	+ 0.5	- 1.4
State & Local...........	147,100	163,300	144,500	- 9.9	+ 1.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - JULY 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$363.85	$359.26	$331.60	41.3	41.2	40.0	$8.81	$8.72	$8.29
Metallic Manufacturing......	374.67	372.26	343.36	41.4	41.5	40.3	9.05	8.97	8.52
Primary Metals.............	412.70	402.17	363.94	42.9	42.2	40.8	9.62	9.53	8.92
Fabricated Metals..........	335.38	338.25	310.80	40.8	41.3	40.0	8.22	8.19	7.77
Machinery..................	398.05	392.89	359.56	41.9	41.4	40.4	9.50	9.49	8.90
Electrical Equipment.......	306.68	300.03	268.42	41.0	40.6	39.3	7.48	7.39	6.83
Transportation Equipment...	452.24	451.61	420.02	41.3	41.7	40.7	10.95	10.83	10.32
Instruments & Clocks.......	346.15	347.44	316.50	43.0	43.0	42.2	8.05	8.08	7.50
Other Metallic Mfg.........	296.68	303.96	276.31	40.2	40.8	39.7	7.38	7.45	6.96
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	337.02	332.11	301.06	40.9	40.7	39.2	8.24	8.16	7.68
Food.......................	349.02	336.18	305.73	41.6	40.7	39.5	8.39	8.26	7.74
Textiles...................	274.91	275.93	235.99	39.9	40.4	37.4	6.89	6.83	6.31
Apparel....................	206.02	202.03	189.16	36.4	36.6	34.9	5.66	5.52	5.42
Lumber & Furniture.........	275.12	278.80	236.46	40.4	40.7	38.7	6.81	6.85	6.11
Paper......................	409.37	409.81	383.80	44.4	44.4	45.1	9.22	9.23	8.51
Printing & Publishing......	330.71	326.24	311.95	37.2	37.2	36.7	8.89	8.77	8.50
Chemicals..................	416.79	414.83	372.28	42.4	42.2	41.0	9.83	9.83	9.08
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	309.09	309.83	275.89	41.6	41.7	39.3	7.43	7.43	7.02
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	367.04	362.92	327.64	43.8	43.0	40.4	8.38	8.44	8.11
Construction................	559.03	602.09	501.58	37.9	39.9	37.6	14.75	15.09	13.34

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	July	1983	June	1983	July	1982(R)
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	103,200	6.3	104,600	6.4	114,400	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted		(6.1)		(6.4)		(6.6)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,400	9.3	1,500	9.4	1,700	11.0
Bridgeport.............	14,000	7.3	15,300	7.8	15,500	8.0
Bristol................	2,800	8.1	3,000	8.5	3,600	10.3
Danbury................	5,000	4.8	5,700	5.4	6,100	5.9
Danielson..............	2,400	8.0	2,400	7.8	3,000	10.1
Hartford...............	23,000	5.8	22,800	5.8	26,000	6.6
Meriden................	2,800	10.5	2,600	10.0	3,000	11.3
Middletown.............	3,900	6.5	3,800	6.4	3,900	6.5
New Britain............	6,000	8.3	5,100	7.1	7,100	9.7
New Haven..............	14,000	7.0	14,800	7.3	13,400	6.7
New London/Norwich.....	5,400	4.6	5,800	5.1	6,400	5.7
Norwalk................	3,700	4.5	3,700	4.6	3,900	5.0
Stamford...............	5,300	4.0	5,700	4.3	5,700	4.4
Torrington.............	3,800	9.1	4,000	9.4	4,200	9.7
Waterbury..............	8,100	7.6	7,400	6.9	9,600	9.0
Willimantic............	1,600	6.4	1,000	4.1	1,300	5.2
U.S. Total - Actual.....	10,707,000	9.4	11,570,000	10.2	11,036,000	9.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(9.5)		(10.0)		(9.8)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	July '83	June '83	July '82
All Items.............	299.3	298.1	292.2
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	July'83	June'83	July'82 (R)	Percent Change to July 1983 from:	
				June'83	July'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,590	7,800	7,900	- 2.7	- 3.9
Manufacturing	2,300	2,290	2,500	+ 0.4	- 8.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,290	5,510	5,400	- 4.0	- 2.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	162,420	165,350	167,440	- 1.8	- 3.0
Manufacturing	56,600	57,910	60,990	- 2.3	- 7.2
Nonmanufacturing	105,820	107,440	106,450	- 1.5	- 0.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,470	22,980	22,180*	- 2.2	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	8,770	8,840	8,770	- 0.8	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	13,700	14,140	13,410*	- 3.1	+ 2.2
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	72,150*	73,480*	71,590*	- 1.8	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	26,380	26,400	26,170*	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	45,770*	47,080*	45,420	- 2.8	+ 0.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,180	20,730	19,990	- 2.7	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	9,300	9,440	9,360	- 1.5	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,880	11,290	10,630	- 3.6	+ 2.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	396,390	400,640*	396,060	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	86,760	87,270	90,160	- 0.6	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	309,630	313,370*	305,900	- 1.2	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,120	20,860	21,210	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Manufacturing	4,570	4,830	5,480	- 5.4	- 16.6
Nonmanufacturing	16,550	16,030	15,730	+ 3.2	+ 5.2
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,150	44,670	45,470	- 1.2	- 2.9
Manufacturing	13,750	13,970	15,080	- 1.6	- 8.8
Nonmanufacturing	30,400	30,700	30,390	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,210*	59,070	59,140*	- 1.5	- 1.6
Manufacturing	23,670*	24,170	25,260*	- 2.1	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	34,540	34,900	33,880*	- 1.0	+ 1.9
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	182,200*	185,170*	186,520*	- 1.6	- 2.3
Manufacturing	35,930	36,770	39,290*	- 2.3	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	146,270*	148,400*	147,230*	- 1.4	- 0.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	97,270*	97,010*(R)	98,130*	+ 0.3	- 0.9
Manufacturing	34,210*	33,980*(R)	35,690	+ 0.7	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	63,060	63,030	62,440*	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,280	65,370	64,670*	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	21,480	21,420	21,180*	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	43,800	43,950	43,490	- 0.3	+ 0.7

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	July'83	June'83	July'82 (R)	Percent Change to July 1983 from: June'83	July'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,920	117,040	115,190	- 1.0	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	31,990	32,340	31,990	- 1.1	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	83,930	84,700	83,200	- 0.9	+ 0.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,220	28,910	29,570	- 2.4	- 4.6
Manufacturing	9,070	9,260	9,960	- 2.1	- 8.9
Nonmanufacturing	19,150	19,650	19,610	- 2.5	- 2.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	84,400	85,890	85,330	- 1.7	- 1.1
Manufacturing	27,940	28,780	29,220	- 2.9	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	56,460	57,110	56,110	- 1.1	+ 0.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,370	19,430	18,800	- 0.3	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	2,240	2,260	2,770	- 0.9	- 19.1
Nonmanufacturing	17,130	17,170	16,030	- 0.2	+ 6.9

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982	July 1983	June 1983	July 1982
Ansonia	$424.65	$409.84	$374.82	44.7	43.6	42.4	$9.50	$9.40	$8.84
Bridgeport	389.85	386.82	352.77	42.1	42.0	41.6	9.26	9.21	8.48
Bristol	402.66	397.44	364.02	41.9	41.1	39.1	9.61	9.67	9.31
Danbury	347.71	354.38	320.45	42.3	42.8	42.5	8.22	8.28	7.54
Danielson	317.17	320.39	277.81	39.4	40.3	38.8	8.05	7.95	7.16
Hartford	391.23	381.19	351.43	41.4	40.9	39.8	9.45	9.32	8.83
Meriden	334.97	317.98	317.24	40.9	39.5	41.2	8.19	8.05	7.70
Middletown	365.60	360.70	343.94	40.0	39.9	39.9	9.14	9.04	8.62
New Britain	371.28	370.23	339.73	40.8	41.0	40.3	9.10	9.03	8.43
New Haven	340.26	336.69	320.30	39.2	38.7	39.3	8.68	8.70	8.15
New London/ Norwich	388.82	383.67	344.99	40.8	40.6	39.7	9.53	9.45	8.69
Norwalk	367.95	364.50	324.99	43.7	43.6	41.4	8.42	8.36	7.85
Stamford	346.93	333.06	306.06	40.2	39.0	39.8	8.63	8.54	7.69
Torrington	268.77	270.95	233.36	39.7	40.2	37.7	6.77	6.74	6.19
Waterbury	312.80	316.41	271.47	42.5	42.7	39.4	7.36	7.41	6.89
Willimantic	310.90	299.36	249.38	41.9	40.4	37.5	7.42	7.41	6.65

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.4	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.6	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.2	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1425.7	1426.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1434.9	1426.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1443.2	1426.6	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1418.3	1429.6	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1408.4	1426.8	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1430.4	1425.3	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1432.5	1423.3	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1437.0	1423.3	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1421.4	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....	1440.1	1423.0	5352	5268	6.4	6.4
Jul....	1419.8	1431.2	7784	5104	6.3	6.1
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11984	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	7221	41.3	41.3	95.5	107.8
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

INDUSTRY	4th Qtr. 1982(P)	3rd Qtr. 1982	2nd Qtr. 1982	1st Qtr. 1982	4th Qtr. 1981
Total	$355.70	$336.05	$333.34	$331.89	$331.96
Total Manufacturing	449.12	427.02	417.13	418.28	422.32
Total Nonmanufacturing	318.67	298.88	298.03	293.82	293.01
Construction	457.85	423.21	414.50	423.05	418.22
Transportation	366.97	348.32	338.32	340.81	349.40
Communication & Utilities	541.28	506.58	484.89	464.68	500.54
Trade	255.38	244.49	241.63	244.74	246.36
Wholesale	464.97	430.56	429.75	444.14	436.81
Retail	215.62	210.23	206.21	202.27	207.22
Restaurants	121.20	118.70	113.62	110.73	115.72
Finance & Real Estate	370.89	329.11	318.05	333.34	321.62
Insurance	428.92	419.84	411.04	407.86	396.21
Service	287.30	276.89	267.19	263.03	257.56
Hotels	170.34	155.33	155.66	151.50	159.89
Laundries & Personal Services	185.47	173.71	169.60	159.62	175.95
Business Services	308.62	286.30	280.75	288.72	269.18
Auto Repair, Service & Garages	282.39	262.83	251.92	248.86	262.06
Health Services	300.47	311.92	291.87	275.13	264.83
Educational Services	290.20	273.58	263.95	270.01	263.53
Government	343.45	299.32	330.32	304.02	308.76

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September 1983

Temporary vacation closings, other seasonal cutbacks and the AT&T labor dispute combined to reflect lower employment in August when unemployment dropped a full percentage point to 5.3 percent and economic indicators improved, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment declined by 12,800 to 1,407,000 which compared with 1,407,400 last year (page 2). The AT&T labor-management dispute was responsible for a 9,800 reduction in communication employment and there were also factory vacation shutdowns. The August drop in government and education employment was seasonal and due to the release of temporary workers hired for short-term projects.

Average earnings of factory production workers increased to a new record high of $364.79 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 41.5 hours (page 3). Although hourly earnings were down 2-cents from July to $8.79, the August figure was 50-cents above August 1982. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour workweek, wages were $8.45 hourly and $338 weekly in August, 4.7 percent above last year's $8.07 hourly and $322.80 weekly rates. Ansonia production workers earned the highest weekly wage in August, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport, Hartford, New London/Norwich, and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment dropped for the fifth consecutive month and was estimated at 86,500 or 5.3 percent, down from 103,200 or 6.3 percent (6.1 seasonally adjusted) in July and 107,300 a year ago (page 4). August's 5.3 percent rate was the lowest since May 1981. Lower monthly unemployment was recorded in each of the state's 16 labor market areas. Included in the unemployment estimate are those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Economic Indicators: With the exception of employment, each of the measured economic indicators improved from July (page 7). Manufacturing output gained, personal income of state residents hit an all-time high, new auto registrations increased and initial (new) filings for unemployment benefits decreased.

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A special report on "Woman and Minorities in the Labor Force" is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1982

	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982 (R)	% Change Aug. '83 over July '83	% Change Aug. '83 over Aug. '82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,407,000*	1,419,800*	1,407,400*	- 0.9	- 0.0**
Manufacturing............	395,200*	396,000*	403,400*	- 0.2	- 2.0
Metallic Manufacturing...	277,700*	279,600*	286,300*	- 0.6	- 3.0
Primary Metals...........	16,300	16,300	16,900	0.0	- 3.5
Fabricated Metals.......	56,500*	56,100*	57,300	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	46,800	47,500	48,800*	- 1.5	- 4.1
Electrical Equipment....	50,100	49,200	49,900	+ 1.8	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	75,600*	78,100*	79,600	- 3.2	- 5.0
Instruments & Clocks....	26,700	27,000	27,400	- 1.1	- 2.6
Other Metallic Mfg......	5,700	5,400	6,400	+ 5.6	- 10.9
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	117,500	116,400	117,100	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Food....................	13,300	13,500	13,200	- 1.5	+ 0.8
Textiles................	7,300	7,100	7,400	+ 2.8	- 1.4
Apparel.................	9,000	8,500	9,500	+ 5.9	- 5.3
Furniture & Lumber......	6,400	6,300	6,300	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Paper...................	10,100	10,200	9,800	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Printing & Publishing...	25,200	25,300	25,300	- 0.4	- 0.4
Chemicals...............	22,100	21,900	21,500	+ 0.9	+ 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,100	12,500	13,100	+ 4.8	0.0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,000	11,100	11,000	- 0.9	0.0
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,011,800*	1,023,800*	1,004,000*	- 1.2	+ 0.8
Construction	54,100*	54,000	53,600*	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Transportation..........	28,800	28,800	29,600	0.0	- 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,100	12,000	12,400	+ 0.8	- 2.4
Other Transportation...	16,700	16,800	17,200	- 0.6	- 2.9
Communications..........	8,600*	18,400	19,300	- 53.3	- 55.4
Utilities...............	12,300	12,200	11,800	+ 0.8	+ 4.2
Trade...................	310,000*	310,200*	302,700	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Wholesale..............	79,600*	79,700*	78,500	- 0.1	+ 1.4
Retail.................	230,400	230,500	224,200	- 0.1	+ 2.8
General Merchandise...	31,900	32,100	29,100	- 0.6	+ 9.6
Food Stores...........	43,000	42,800	40,600	+ 0.5	+ 5.9
Auto Dealers..........	23,300	23,400	23,200	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Restaurants...........	70,300	70,500	68,600	- 0.3	+ 2.5
Other Retail Trade....	61,900	61,700	62,700	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	118,300	118,100	115,200	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Banking................	28,900	29,100	27,700	- 0.7	+ 4.3
Insurance..............	66,000	65,700	64,900	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Real Estate............	10,100	10,100	9,800	0.0	+ 3.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	13,300	13,200	12,800	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Services................	311,900	313,600	305,900	- 0.5	+ 2.0
Hotels.................	8,900	8,600	9,000	+ 3.5	- 1.1
Personal Services......	15,000	15,000	14,600	0.0	+ 2.7
Business Services......	63,700	64,000	61,600	- 0.5	+ 3.4
Health Services........	103,600	104,000	101,500	- 0.4	+ 2.1
Law & Professional.....	22,200	22,200	21,300	0.0	+ 4.2
Educational Services...	26,200	26,900	25,800	- 2.6	+ 1.6
Other Services.........	72,300	72,900	72,100	- 0.8	+ 0.3
Government..............	167,800	168,500	165,900	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Federal................	21,400	21,400	21,600	0.0	- 0.9
State & Local..........	146,400	147,100	144,300	- 0.5	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - AUGUST 1983
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$364.79	$363.85	$331.60	41.5	41.3	40.0	$8.79	$8.81	$8.29
Metallic Manufacturing......	377.87	374.67	343.76	41.8	41.4	40.3	9.04	9.05	8.53
Primary Metals.............	419.24	412.70	365.65	43.4	42.9	40.9	9.66	9.62	8.94
Fabricated Metals..........	347.34	335.38	312.40	42.0	40.8	40.0	8.27	8.22	7.81
Machinery..................	400.79	398.05	362.44	42.1	41.9	41.0	9.52	9.50	8.84
Electrical Equipment.......	312.08	306.68	265.39	41.5	41.0	38.8	7.52	7.48	6.84
Transportation Equipment...	445.94	452.24	425.14	40.8	41.3	40.8	10.93	10.95	10.42
Instruments & Clocks.......	354.67	346.15	312.75	43.2	43.0	41.7	8.21	8.05	7.50
Other Metallic Mfg.........	304.70	296.68	276.05	41.4	40.2	39.1	7.36	7.38	7.06
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	334.56	337.02	302.99	40.8	40.9	39.4	8.20	8.24	7.69
Food.......................	353.64	349.02	324.28	42.0	41.6	41.1	8.42	8.39	7.89
Textiles...................	272.74	274.91	236.06	39.7	39.9	37.0	6.87	6.89	6.38
Apparel....................	212.82	206.02	192.03	37.6	36.4	36.3	5.66	5.66	5.29
Lumber & Furniture.........	280.83	275.12	253.60	40.7	40.4	40.0	6.90	6.81	6.34
Paper......................	401.28	409.37	364.59	44.0	44.4	43.3	9.12	9.22	8.42
Printing & Publishing......	333.31	330.71	312.31	37.2	37.2	36.4	8.96	8.89	8.58
Chemicals..................	401.58	416.79	373.01	41.4	42.4	40.9	9.70	9.83	9.12
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	312.75	309.09	276.75	41.7	41.6	39.2	7.50	7.43	7.06
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	372.30	367.04	331.28	43.8	43.8	41.0	8.50	8.38	8.08
Construction................	583.69	559.03	500.19	38.3	37.9	37.3	15.24	14.75	13.41

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Aug. 1983		July 1983		Aug. 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual......	86,500	5.3	103,200	6.3	107,300	6.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(6.1)		(6.5)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,200	8.3	1,400	9.3	1,600	10.4
Bridgeport.............	12,300	6.4	14,000	7.3	14,800	7.6
Bristol................	2,400	6.8	2,800	8.1	3,400	9.9
Danbury................	4,100	4.0	5,000	4.8	5,800	5.7
Danielson..............	1,900	6.4	2,400	8.0	2,600	8.6
Hartford...............	19,500	5.0	23,000	5.8	24,600	6.4
Meriden................	2,600	9.6	2,800	10.5	2,500	9.7
Middletown.............	3,000	5.1	3,900	6.5	3,500	6.0
New Britain............	4,700	6.6	6,000	8.3	6,800	9.5
New Haven..............	12,400	6.2	14,000	7.0	13,100	6.6
New London/Norwich.....	4,600	4.0	5,400	4.6	5,600	5.1
Norwalk................	2,900	3.6	3,700	4.5	3,500	4.4
Stamford...............	4,600	3.5	5,300	4.0	5,300	4.2
Torrington.............	3,300	7.8	3,800	9.1	4,100	9.6
Waterbury..............	5,900	5.7	8,100	7.6	8,800	8.3
Willimantic............	1,100	4.4	1,600	6.4	1,300	5.5
U.S. Total-Actual........	10,411,000	9.2	10,707,000	9.4	10,710,000	9.6
Seasonally Adjusted......		(9.5)		(9.5)		(9.9)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Aug. '83	July '83	Aug. '82
All Items.............	300.3	299.3	292.8
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.3	+2.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to August 1983 from:	
Area	Aug.'83	July'83	Aug.'82(R)	July'83	Aug.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,370*	7,590	7,750	- 2.9	- 4.9
Manufacturing	2,230	2,300	2,380	- 3.0	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	5,140*	5,290	5,370	- 2.8	- 4.3
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	163,260*	162,800(R)	167,740	+ 0.3	- 2.7
Manufacturing	57,480	56,980(R)	60,910	+ 0.9	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	105,780*	105,820	106,830	- 0.1	- 1.0
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,370*	22,470	21,830*	- 0.4	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	8,810	8,770	8,480	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	13,560*	13,700	13,350*	- 1.0	+ 1.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	71,900*	72,150*	71,040	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	26,330	26,380	26,060	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	45,570*	45,770*	44,980	- 0.4	+ 1.3
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,690*	20,180	20,470	+ 2.5	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	9,740	9,300	9,690	+ 4.7	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	10,950*	10,880	10,780	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	391,910*	396,390	389,570*	- 1.1	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	84,850*	86,760	84,670	- 2.2	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	307,060*	309,630	304,900*	- 0.8	+ 0.7
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,680*	21,120	20,980	- 2.1	- 1.4
Manufacturing	4,830	4,570	5,430	+ 5.7	- 11.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,850*	16,550	15,550	- 4.2	+ 1.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	43,510*	44,150	44,890	- 1.4	- 3.1
Manufacturing	13,440	13,750	14,540	- 2.3	- 7.6
Nonmanufacturing	30,070*	30,400	30,350	- 1.1	- 0.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	57,320*	58,210*	58,380*	- 1.5	- 1.8
Manufacturing	23,380*	23,670*	24,520*	- 1.2	- 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	33,940*	34,540	33,860	- 1.7	+ 0.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	177,480*	182,200*	185,820*	- 2.6	- 4.5
Manufacturing	36,240	35,930	38,850*	+ 0.9	- 6.7
Nonmanufacturing	141,240*	146,270*	146,970*	- 3.4	- 3.9
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	96,930*	97,270*	96,410*	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	34,230*	34,210*	33,960	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	62,700*	63,060	62,450*	- 0.6	+ 0.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,940*	65,280	64,680	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	21,500	21,480	21,060	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	43,440*	43,800	43,620	- 0.8	- 0.4

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Aug.'83	July'83	Aug.'82 (R)	Percent Change to August 1983 from: July'83	Percent Change to August 1983 from: Aug.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,120*	115,920	113,870	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	31,690	31,990	30,860	- 0.9	+ 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	83,430*	83,930	83,010	- 0.6	+ 0.5
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,730*	28,640 (R)	29,390	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Manufacturing	9,280	9,070	9,690	+ 2.3	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	19,450	19,570 (R)	19,700	- 0.6	- 1.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	83,270*	84,400	84,980	- 1.3	- 2.0
Manufacturing	27,510	27,940	29,220	- 1.5	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	55,760*	56,460	55,760	- 1.2	0.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,150*	19,370	18,860	- 1.1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	2,230	2,240	2,790	- 0.4	- 20.1
Nonmanufacturing	16,920*	17,130	16,070	- 1.2	+ 5.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982	Aug. 1983	July 1983	Aug. 1982
Ansonia	$421.36	$424.65	$374.69	43.8	44.7	42.1	$9.62	$9.50	$8.90
Bridgeport	392.54	389.85	350.92	42.3	42.1	40.9	9.28	9.26	8.58
Bristol	407.23	402.66	358.36	42.2	41.9	38.7	9.65	9.61	9.26
Danbury	359.35	347.71	322.48	43.4	42.3	42.6	8.28	8.22	7.57
Danielson	305.63	317.17	276.14	37.5	39.4	38.3	8.15	8.05	7.21
Hartford	385.81	391.23	355.29	41.0	41.4	40.1	9.41	9.45	8.86
Meriden	285.11	334.97	296.21	36.6	40.9	39.6	7.79	8.19	7.48
Middletown	361.38	365.60	350.67	39.8	40.0	40.4	9.08	9.14	8.68
New Britain	380.30	371.28	340.98	41.7	40.8	40.4	9.12	9.10	8.44
New Haven	340.10	340.26	319.48	39.5	39.2	39.2	8.61	8.68	8.15
New London/ Norwich	385.76	388.82	351.28	40.1	40.8	40.1	9.62	9.53	8.76
Norwalk	377.40	367.95	317.46	44.4	43.7	40.7	8.50	8.42	7.80
Stamford	346.73	346.93	303.34	39.9	40.2	39.6	8.69	8.63	7.66
Torrington	271.47	268.77	227.76	39.4	39.7	36.5	6.89	6.77	6.24
Waterbury	326.31	312.80	284.78	43.8	42.5	40.8	7.45	7.36	6.98
Willimantic	305.21	310.90	242.54	41.3	41.9	36.2	7.39	7.42	6.70

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.3	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.5	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.0	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1424.5	1425.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1433.8	1425.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1441.8	1425.3	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1416.9	1428.3	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1407.4	1425.7	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1429.5	1424.4	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1431.6	1422.4	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1436.1	1422.4	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1419.9	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....	1440.1	1423.0	5352	5268	6.4	6.4
Jul....	1419.8	1431.2	7784	5104	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1407.0	1425.5	4553	4544	5.3	5.3
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11984	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	7221	41.3	41.3	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10845	41.5	41.9	98.4	111.9
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN THE CONNECTICUT LABOR FORCE

Although the labor force participation rates of women and minorities in Connecticut increased significantly during the 1970s, their representation has yet to equal their respective proportions of the total population. At the time of the 1980 Census, 51.8 percent of the population was female, but women made up only 43.5 percent of the labor force. Similarly, although twelve percent of the population belonged to a minority group, minorities comprised only 9.6 percent of the State's labor force.

The findings of the Census showed that men and women both had significant shares of the professional and technical job market (53.6 and 46.4 percent), but large differences existed within specific occupations. Women were concentrated in the educational and health fields, where they made up a majority (over 60 percent), while holding only 9.6 percent of the positions in the engineering, mathematics and computer fields. However, women made a sizeable advance in these fields since 1970 when their number counted as engineers, mathematicians and computer scientists was too small to accurately estimate with the sample used. More health technicians, social scientists and social workers were minority members (over 10 percent) than were other professionals and technicians. Slightly more than one-quarter of all management positions were held by women and five percent by minority members, nearly twice the respective proportions held by these groups in 1970.

Women made up almost all of the secretarial work force (97.1 percent) while other administrative support occupations were more evenly distributed among men and women. Also evenly shared among men and women were sales occupations, although sales workers were most frequently women (68.3 percent), while sales representatives, supervisors and proprietors were more often men (71.6 percent). Among sales and administrative support occupations, information and message distribution had the highest employment of minorities (13.3 percent).

Almost all private household workers were female (92.2 percent), nearly one-third were members of a minority and about one-quarter were black. Although almost as many women operated machines and did assembly work as did men, only 8.5 percent of precision production and craft workers were female. A similar situation existed for minority members, who had a significant representation (19.4 percent) in the machine operator and assembly category, but made up only 7.6 percent of the precision production and crafts workers. Also, women and minorities were more likely to be material handlers, holding 27.9 percent and 14.4 percent of these positions, than to be material movers or transportation workers, holding 8.7 and 12.2 percent. During the past 10 years, the percent of minorities has increased in almost every occupational category with minority machine operators, material handlers, transportation workers and service workers holding a higher proportion of these positions than their total population representation.

The following table is a summary of data taken from the 1980 Census of the Population, Report 5: Equal Employment Indicators, which was designed for use in planning EEO/Affirmative Action programs. The census occupational categories in this table indicate the kind of work a person was doing at a job or business during the reference week or, if not at work, at their most recent job or business if employed since 1975. The data in this table are statewide, but summary occupational data are also available by county and SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area). Such reports can be obtained by contacting the:

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Composition of the Civilian Labor Force
Occupations by Sex and Race/Ethnicity
Connecticut 1980

		Percent of Total						
				Non-Hispanic				
	Total Civilian Labor Force	Male	Female	White	Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Hispanic All Races
Total, All Occupations	1,546,101	56.5%	43.5%	90.3%	5.9%	0.6%	0.1%	2.9%
Executive, Administrative & Managerial	184,738	73.2	26.8	95.0	2.9	0.7	0.1	1.3
Managers and Administrators	137,296	75.7	24.3	95.5	2.5	0.6	0.1	1.3
Management Related Occupations	47,442	65.9	34.1	93.4	4.0	0.9	0.1	1.5
Professional Specialty	215,196	52.6	47.4	93.8	3.2	1.2	0.1	1.7
Architects, Engineers, Math & Computer Scientists	43,833	90.4	9.6	95.3	1.7	1.9	0.1	0.9
Natural Scientists, Medical & Health Occupations	45,381	35.4	64.6	93.9	2.6	2.1	0.1	1.2
Education & Related Occupations	77,124	35.5	64.5	93.5	3.9	0.6	0.1	1.9
Social Scientists & Social Workers	16,551	53.8	46.2	86.7	8.0	0.7	0.2	4.4
Lawyers and Judges	8,735	87.5	12.5	98.0	1.5	0.1	*	0.4
Other Professionals	23,572	57.9	42.1	95.0	2.4	0.6	0.2	1.8
Technicians & Related Support	49,620	58.0	42.0	92.0	4.9	1.5	0.1	1.4
Health Technologists & Technicians	14,432	12.9	87.1	89.4	7.8	1.3	*	1.2
Technologists & Technicians,except health	35,188	76.5	23.5	93.1	3.7	1.6	0.1	1.5
Sales Occupations	147,310	51.6	48.4	95.3	2.6	0.4	0.1	1.5
Supervisors & Proprietors	23,469	72.8	27.2	95.7	2.3	0.5	0.1	1.4
Sales Representatives, except retail	50,132	71.0	29.0	96.6	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.9
Sales Workers & Related Occupations	73,709	31.7	68.3	94.4	3.1	0.5	0.1	1.9
Administrative Support, including Clerical	281,400	22.0	78.0	91.1	6.1	0.4	0.2	2.2
Supervisors	19,189	49.9	50.1	94.2	4.1	0.4	0.3	1.1
Computer Equipment Operators	7,348	44.1	55.9	88.1	8.7	0.6	0.4	2.1
Secretarial, Receptionist & Related	91,789	2.9	97.1	93.1	4.5	0.3	0.1	1.9
Records Processing Occupations	82,662	32.2	67.8	91.3	5.7	0.4	0.1	2.4
Information & Message Distribution	17,867	53.7	46.3	86.6	10.5	0.4	0.2	2.1
Miscellaneous Administrative Support	62,545	16.4	83.6	88.4	8.2	0.5	0.2	2.6
Service Occupations	178,065	44.2	55.8	84.7	10.8	0.6	0.2	3.7
Private Household Occupations	6,922	7.8	92.2	67.9	24.4	1.2	0.1	5.9
Protective Service Occupations	23,047	87.9	12.1	89.6	7.9	*	0.2	2.3
Food Service Occupations	63,273	36.7	63.3	90.9	5.3	0.9	0.1	2.8
Health Service Occupations	28,116	11.8	88.2	76.6	18.6	0.5	0.3	3.8
Cleaning & Building Service	35,322	74.0	26.0	78.9	14.7	0.4	0.2	5.7
Personal Service Occupations	21,385	24.5	75.5	86.5	9.5	0.4	0.1	3.5
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	15,499	79.1	20.9	92.3	2.8	0.2	*	4.6
Precision Production, Craft & Repair	196,681	91.5	8.5	92.4	4.4	0.2	0.2	2.7
Mechanics & Repairers	52,540	96.1	3.9	92.7	4.3	0.2	0.2	2.4
Construction & Extractive Occupations	60,225	97.7	2.3	94.5	3.4	0.2	0.2	1.7
Precision Production Occupations	83,916	84.2	15.8	90.7	5.1	0.3	0.2	3.6
Machine Operators, Assemblers, Inspectors	177,518	58.1	41.9	80.6	10.5	0.6	0.2	7.9
Machine Operators	118,195	63.9	36.1	79.6	10.7	0.6	0.2	8.8
Fabricators, Assemblers, Inspectors & Handworking Occupations	59,323	46.4	53.6	82.6	10.1	0.6	0.3	6.2
Transportation & Material Moving	50,136	91.3	8.7	87.9	8.5	0.3	0.1	3.2
Transportation Occupations	37,792	91.0	9.0	88.9	8.4	0.2	0.2	2.3
Material Moving Equipment Operators	12,344	92.2	7.8	84.8	8.8	0.4	*	5.9
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers, Laborers	49,938	77.1	22.9	85.8	9.2	0.2	0.2	4.5
Construction, Extractive, Production Helpers & Laborers	10,651	95.4	4.6	86.2	8.9	0.1	0.5	4.3
Freight, Stock & Material Handlers	39,287	72.1	27.9	85.7	9.3	0.3	0.1	4.6

* Less than 0.05 percent

Minority percentages may not add to 100.0 percent due to rounding.

Source: 1980 Census of Population Report 5: Equal Employment Indicators

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October 1983

Employment increased in September to its highest level since December 1981, unemployment dropped to a new low in more than three years and other improvements were recorded in Connecticut's economy last month, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The addition of 35,100 persons in non-farm jobs in September boosted employment to 1,442,100, a 12,600 gain from last year and the highest employment total since December 1981 (page 2). Manufacturing was up by 9,400 jobs from August and was largely due to workers returning from vacation closings. The settlement of a labor-management dispute was responsible for 9,800 more jobs in communications, other non-manufacturing categories showed increases reflecting the reopening of school and retail trade increased by 3,400. Employment was higher in 15 labor market areas and lower in one (pages 5 & 6).

Both hourly and weekly earnings of factory production workers set a new high, averaging $8.88 and $371.18, respectively, for a longer workweek of 41.8 hours in September (page 3). This was 54-cents more per hour and a $36.75 weekly increase from average wages paid in September 1982. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour workweek, wages increased over the month to $8.51 hourly and $340.40 per week, 0.7% higher than August and 4.9% above last September's $8.11 hourly and $324.40 weekly pay. Factory workers in Ansonia and Bristol once again earned the highest weekly wage, followed by Bridgeport, Hartford, New London/Norwich and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness decreased by 7,400 for an actual figure of 79,100 or 4.9 percent (page 4), the lowest since November 1979, and a seasonally adjusted 5.2 percent rate which matched the March 1980 figure. In September 1982, unemployment was at 105,500 for a 6.5 percent rate (7.2% seasonally adjusted). Lower unemployment was recorded in 15 labor market areas. Waterbury had an increase of 100. Unemployment estimates include those persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy, personal income of residents rose to a new monthly high of more than $3.969 billion, manufacturing output increased, more automobiles were registered, the actual workweek at 41.8 hours was the longest since June 1981 and the longest since April 1980 when seasonally adjusted, and there were fewer first-time filings for unemployment benefits (page 7).

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A report on federally-designated "Labor Surplus Areas" in Connecticut is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

September 1983

	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982(R)	% Change Sept.'83 over Aug. '83	% Change Sept.'83 over Sept.'82
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,442,100*	1,407,000*	1,429,500*	+ 2.5	+ 0.9
Manufacturing.............	404,600*	395,200*	410,400*	+ 2.4	- 1.4
Metallic Manufacturing...	286,000*	277,700*	292,500*	+ 3.0	- 2.2
Primary Metals..........	16,700	16,300	17,000	+ 2.5	- 1.8
Fabricated Metals.......	58,000	56,500*	58,600	+ 2.7	- 1.0
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	48,500	46,800	48,900*	+ 3.6	- 0.8
Electrical Equipment....	50,700	50,100	49,500	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Transportation Equipment	79,600*	75,600*	84,200	+ 5.3	- 5.5
Instruments & Clocks....	26,500	26,700	27,900	- 0.7	- 5.0
Other Metallic Mfg......	6,000	5,700	6,400	+ 5.3	- 6.3
Nonmetallic Manufacturing	118,600	117,500	117,900	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Food....................	13,100	13,300	12,800	- 1.5	+ 2.3
Textiles................	7,200	7,300	7,400	- 1.4	- 2.8
Apparel.................	9,700	9,000	10,100	+ 7.8	- 4.0
Furniture & Lumber......	6,500	6,400	6,500	+ 1.5	0.0
Paper...................	10,000	10,100	9,900	- 1.0	+ 1.0
Printing & Publishing...	25,400	25,200	25,400	+ 0.8	0.0
Chemicals...............	22,100	22,100	21,500	0.0	+ 2.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,400	13,100	12,900	+ 2.3	+ 3.9
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	11,200	11,000	11,400	+ 1.8	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing..........	1,037,500	1,011,800*	1,019,100	+ 2.5	+ 1.8
Construction............	54,000	54,100*	53,600	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Transportation..........	31,500	28,800	32,200	+ 9.4	- 2.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg	12,200	12,100	12,600	+ 0.8	- 3.2
Other Transportation...	19,300	16,700	19,600	+ 15.6	- 1.5
Communications..........	18,400	8,600*	18,600	+ 114.0	- 1.1
Utilities...............	12,200	12,300	11,700	- 0.8	+ 4.3
Trade...................	313,700	310,000*	307,000	+ 1.2	+ 2.2
Wholesale..............	79,900	79,600*	78,800	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Retail.................	233,800	230,400	228,200	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
General Merchandise...	32,900	31,900	30,200	+ 3.1	+ 8.9
Food Stores...........	43,100	43,000	41,100	+ 0.2	+ 4.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta..	23,300	23,300	23,200	0.0	+ 0.4
Restaurants...........	71,800	70,300	70,200	+ 2.1	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade....	62,700	61,900	63,500	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	118,000	118,300	114,400	- 0.3	+ 3.1
Banking................	28,600	28,900	27,300	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Insurance..............	66,200	66,000	64,600	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Real Estate............	9,900	10,100	9,700	- 2.0	+ 2.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.	13,300	13,300	12,800	0.0	+ 3.9
Services................	311,500	311,900	305,300	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Hotels.................	7,500	8,900	7,600	- 15.7	- 1.3
Personal Services......	15,100	15,000	14,900	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Business Services......	64,200	63,700	61,900	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Health Services........	104,700	103,600	102,700	+ 1.1	+ 1.9
Law & Professional.....	22,100	22,200	21,200	- 0.5	+ 4.2
Educational Services...	29,200	26,200	28,800	+ 11.5	+ 1.4
Other Services.........	68,700	72,300	68,200	- 5.0	+ 0.7
Government..............	178,200	167,800	176,300	+ 6.2	+ 1.1
Federal................	21,300	21,400	21,300	- 0.5	0.0
State & Local..........	156,900	146,400	155,000	+ 7.2	+ 1.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - SEPTEMBER 1983

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sept. 1982
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$371.18	$364.79	$334.43	41.8	41.5	40.1	$8.88	$8.79	$8.34
Metallic Manufacturing......	385.64	377.87	346.58	42.1	41.8	40.3	9.16	9.04	8.60
Primary Metals.............	429.34	419.24	363.86	43.9	43.4	40.7	9.78	9.66	8.94
Fabricated Metals..........	346.94	347.34	318.35	41.8	42.0	40.4	8.30	8.27	7.88
Machinery..................	410.02	400.79	359.45	42.8	42.1	40.8	9.58	9.52	8.81
Electrical Equipment.......	311.95	312.08	275.81	41.1	41.5	39.8	7.59	7.52	6.93
Transportation Equipment...	463.83	445.94	421.70	41.9	40.8	40.2	11.07	10.93	10.49
Instruments & Clocks.......	355.24	354.67	301.95	42.8	43.2	40.1	8.30	8.21	7.53
Other Metallic Mfg.........	317.37	304.70	281.40	42.6	41.4	40.2	7.45	7.36	7.00
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	338.66	334.56	304.92	41.1	40.8	39.6	8.24	8.20	7.70
Food.......................	357.84	353.64	316.36	42.0	42.0	40.3	8.52	8.42	7.85
Textiles...................	271.37	272.74	237.07	39.5	39.7	37.1	6.87	6.87	6.39
Apparel....................	210.56	212.82	194.71	37.4	37.6	36.6	5.63	5.66	5.32
Lumber & Furniture.........	285.94	280.83	253.68	41.5	40.7	39.7	6.89	6.90	6.39
Paper......................	418.57	401.28	380.35	45.3	44.0	44.8	9.24	9.12	8.49
Printing & Publishing......	334.13	333.31	316.83	37.5	37.2	37.1	8.91	8.96	8.54
Chemicals..................	419.05	401.58	377.39	42.5	41.4	41.2	9.86	9.70	9.16
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	316.50	312.75	281.46	42.2	41.7	39.2	7.50	7.50	7.18
Other Nonmetallic Mfg......	364.66	372.30	327.18	42.7	43.8	41.0	8.54	8.50	7.98
Construction...............	597.48	583.69	506.47	39.0	38.3	37.6	15.32	15.24	13.47

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Sept. 1983		Aug. 1983		Sept. 1982(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual......	79,100	4.9	86,500	5.3	105,500	6.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.2)		(5.3)		(7.2)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia................	1,100	7.5	1,200	8.3	1,600	10.3
Bridgeport.............	10,900	5.6	12,300	6.4	15,500	7.9
Bristol................	2,100	6.1	2,400	6.8	3,600	10.4
Danbury................	3,800	3.7	4,100	4.0	5,400	5.3
Danielson..............	1,700	5.7	1,900	6.4	2,600	8.8
Hartford...............	18,200	4.6	19,500	5.0	24,000	6.2
Meriden................	1,900	7.3	2,600	9.6	2,500	9.6
Middletown.............	2,900	4.9	3,000	5.1	3,300	5.6
New Britain............	3,900	5.5	4,700	6.6	6,600	9.1
New Haven..............	11,400	5.7	12,400	6.2	12,500	6.3
New London/Norwich.....	4,300	3.7	4,600	4.0	5,300	4.8
Norwalk................	2,800	3.5	2,900	3.6	3,400	4.4
Stamford...............	4,400	3.4	4,600	3.5	5,300	4.1
Torrington.............	2,700	6.6	3,300	7.8	3,700	8.7
Waterbury..............	6,000	5.7	5,900	5.7	9,000	8.4
Willimantic............	1,000	3.9	1,100	4.4	1,200	4.7
U.S. Total-Actual........	9,830,000	8.8 (9.3)	10,411,000	9.2 (9.5)	10,695,000	9.7 (10.2)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Sept. '83	Aug. '83	Sept. '82
All Items.............	301.8	300.3	293.3
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.5	+2.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

				Percent Change to September 1983 from:	
Area	Sep.'83	Aug.'83	Sep.'82 (R)	Aug.'83	Sep.'82
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	7,650	7,370*	7,920	+ 3.9	- 3.4
Manufacturing	2,210	2,230	2,410	- 0.9	- 8.3
Nonmanufacturing	5,440	5,140*	5,510	+ 5.8	- 1.3
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	165,650*	163,260*	168,600	+ 1.5	- 1.7
Manufacturing	57,810	57,480	60,460	+ 0.6	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	107,840*	105,780*	108,140	+ 1.9	- 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,940	22,370*	22,140	+ 2.5	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	8,920	8,810	8,270	+ 1.2	+ 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	14,020	13,560*	13,870	+ 3.4	+ 1.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	73,510*	71,900*	71,820	+ 2.2	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	26,740	26,330	26,560	+ 1.6	+ 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	46,770*	45,570*	45,260	+ 2.6	+ 3.3
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,060	20,690*	20,570	+ 1.8	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	9,790	9,740	9,590	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	11,270	10,950*	10,980	+ 2.9	+ 2.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,760*	391,910*	398,350*	+ 2.5	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	87,250*	84,850*	89,460*	+ 2.8	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	314,510	307,060*	308,890	+ 2.4	+ 1.8
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,460	20,680*	21,260	+ 3.8	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	5,090	4,830	5,400	+ 5.4	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	16,370	15,850*	15,860	+ 3.3	+ 3.2
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	44,810	43,510*	46,170	+ 3.0	- 2.9
Manufacturing	13,800	13,440	15,310	+ 2.7	- 9.9
Nonmanufacturing	31,010	30,070*	30,860	+ 3.1	+ 0.5
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,110	57,320*	59,950*	+ 3.1	- 1.4
Manufacturing	24,140	23,380*	25,380	+ 3.2	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	34,970	33,940	34,570	+ 3.0	+ 1.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	185,530*	177,480*	188,700*	+ 4.5	- 1.7
Manufacturing	36,730	36,240	39,100*	+ 1.4	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	148,800*	141,240*	149,600	+ 5.4	- 0.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	97,910*	96,930*	97,590	+ 1.0	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	34,010	34,230*	34,380	- 0.6	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	63,900*	62,700*	63,210	+ 1.9	+ 1.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,120	64,940*	63,890	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	21,550	21,500	20,870	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	43,570	43,440*	43,020	+ 0.3	+ 1.3

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Sep.'83	Aug.'83	Sep.'82(R)	Percent Change to September 1983 from: Aug.'83	Sep.'82
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,790	115,120*	115,130	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	31,620	31,690	32,040	- 0.2	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	84,170	83,430*	83,090	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,690	28,730	29,630	- 0.1	- 3.2
Manufacturing	9,190	9,280	9,670	- 1.0	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	19,500	19,450	19,960	+ 0.3	- 2.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	85,160	83,270*	86,120	+ 2.3	- 1.1
Manufacturing	28,320	27,510	29,740	+ 2.9	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	56,840	55,760*	56,380	+ 1.9	+ 0.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,490	19,150*	19,650	+ 7.0	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	2,160	2,230	2,730	- 3.1	- 20.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,330	16,920*	16,920	+ 8.3	+ 8.3

(R) Revised

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982	Sep. 1983	Aug. 1983	Sep. 1982
Ansonia	$431.49	$421.36	$380.70	44.9	43.8	42.3	$9.61	$9.62	$9.00
Bridgeport	396.44	392.54	352.00	42.4	42.3	40.6	9.35	9.28	8.67
Bristol	407.77	407.23	360.75	42.3	42.2	39.0	9.64	9.65	9.25
Danbury	364.93	359.35	319.20	43.6	43.4	42.0	8.37	8.28	7.60
Danielson	307.35	305.63	275.56	37.3	37.5	37.8	8.24	8.15	7.29
Hartford	395.62	385.81	359.48	41.6	41.0	40.3	9.51	9.41	8.92
Meriden	317.05	285.11	300.13	40.7	36.6	39.7	7.79	7.79	7.56
Middletown	373.63	361.38	340.86	40.7	39.8	39.0	9.18	9.08	8.74
New Britain	384.89	380.30	342.50	41.7	41.7	40.2	9.23	9.12	8.52
New Haven	352.46	340.10	319.87	40.7	39.5	39.2	8.66	8.61	8.16
New London/ Norwich	392.45	385.76	354.48	40.5	40.1	40.1	9.69	9.62	8.84
Norwalk	378.86	377.40	334.59	42.9	43.9	42.3	8.63	8.50	7.91
Stamford	344.60	346.73	315.99	39.7	39.9	40.1	8.68	8.69	7.88
Torrington	272.74	271.47	242.89	39.3	39.4	38.8	6.94	6.89	6.26
Waterbury	329.94	326.31	283.11	43.7	43.8	40.1	7.55	7.45	7.06
Willimantic	292.55	305.21	267.85	38.8	41.3	39.8	7.54	7.39	6.73

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982						
Jan....	1414.4	1430.3	8581	6400	7.3	6.5
Feb....	1412.4	1431.5	5890	6930	7.3	6.7
Mar....	1417.2	1427.0	5394	7369	7.1	6.8
Apr....	1424.5	1425.3	6211	7045	6.8	6.9
May....	1433.8	1425.4	6148	7920	6.6	6.9
Jun....	1441.8	1425.3	7493	7372	6.8	6.6
Jul....	1416.9	1428.3	10612	6958	7.0	6.6
Aug....	1407.4	1425.7	6742	6728	6.7	6.5
Sep....	1429.5	1424.4	6314	9088	6.5	7.2
Oct....	1431.6	1422.4	6560	8741	6.9	7.7
Nov....	1436.1	1422.4	7771	9115	6.8	7.4
Dec....	1439.9	1419.9	11922	7651	7.0	7.4
1983						
Jan....	1404.8	1420.4	10813	8063	8.3	7.2
Feb....	1402.8	1421.3	5308	6245	8.2	7.4
Mar....	1407.7	1417.6	4562	6232	7.9	7.8
Apr....	1419.7	1419.7	5046	5721	7.0	7.4
May....	1432.8	1424.3	4277	5512	6.3	7.0
Jun....	1440.1	1423.0	5352	5268	6.4	6.4
Jul....	1419.8	1431.2	7784	5104	6.3	6.1
Aug....	1407.0	1425.5	4553	4544	5.3	5.3
Sep....	1442.1	1436.4	3477	5003	4.9	5.2
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1982							
Jan....	3540.0	6380	7798	40.9	40.6	117.0	112.5
Feb....	3559.9	4919	6632	40.8	40.8	115.0	111.2
Mar....	3578.7	9368	7369	40.9	40.8	115.3	110.4
Apr....	3592.3	5286	5234	40.6	40.8	113.6	110.2
May....	3612.4	8632	8190	40.5	40.6	112.8	109.8
Jun....	3626.7	9845	9025	40.2	40.3	111.3	107.6
Jul....	3666.4	8391	8608	40.0	40.3	93.1	105.1
Aug....	3687.4	11219	10273	40.0	40.3	93.0	105.4
Sep....	3714.0	3754	4163	40.1	40.3	108.2	106.7
Oct....	3735.9	9056	9018	40.1	40.2	107.7	105.6
Nov....	3762.1	14799	14805	40.7	40.3	109.7	105.8
Dec....	3785.9	11115	10912	40.9	40.3	99.3	104.7
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	12197	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	10811	39.4	39.4	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6503	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	8371	41.1	41.2	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9430	41.1	41.3	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11984	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	7221	41.3	41.3	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10845	41.5	41.9	98.4	111.9
Sep....,	3969.6	12105	13818	41.8	42.1	116.0	114.4
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

R - Revised data

TWELVE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

A new listing of Connecticut towns designated as labor surplus areas has been released by the U.S. Department of Labor. This list will be effective from October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984. Employers located in these areas (towns in Connecticut) are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to funnel a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need.

A municipality is classified as a labor surplus area when its average unemployment rate was at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) for the previous two calendar year period. During periods of high national unemployment, the 20 percent ratio is disregarded and an area is classified as a labor surplus area if its unemployment rate was 10 percent or more. This 10 percent "ceiling" concept comes into operation whenever the two-year average unemployment rate for all states was 8.3 percent or above (i.e. 8.3 percent times the 1.20 ratio equals 10.0 percent). Similarly, a "floor" of 6.0 percent is used during periods of low national unemployment in order for an area to qualify as a labor surplus area. The six percent "floor" comes into effect whenever the average unemployment rate for all states during the two-year reference period was 5.0 percent or less.

The classification procedures also provide for the designation of labor surplus areas under "exceptional circumstances" criteria. These procedures permit the regular classification criteria to be waived when an area experiences a significant increase in unemployment which is not temporary or seasonal and which was not adequately reflected in the data for the two-year reference period. In order for an area to be classified as a labor surplus area under the exceptional circumstances criteria, the State employment security agency must submit a petition, requesting such classification, to the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The U.S. Department of Labor issues the labor surplus listing on an annual basis. The listing becomes effective each October 1, and remains in effect through the following September 30. During the course of the year the annual listing is updated on the basis of "exceptional circumstance" petitions submitted by the State employment security agencies and approved by the Employment and Training Administration.

The reference period used in preparing the current list of labor surplus areas was January 1981 through December 1982. The national average unemployment rate during this period (including data for Puerto Rico) was 8.8 percent. Because the national unemployment rate was above 8.3 percent, the 1.20 ratio was not used and the "ceiling" concept was used instead in preparing the annual listing. As a result, areas were included on the annual labor surplus area listing if their average unemployment rate during the reference period was 10.0 percent or above.

The new annual listing of labor surplus areas issued by the U.S. Department of Labor is effective October 1, 1983. The listing will remain in effect through September 30, 1984. Twelve towns in Connecticut have been designated as labor surplus areas. They are:

Ansonia
Bridgeport
Bristol
Killingly
Plymouth
Putnam
Seymour
Thomaston
Thompson
Torrington
Voluntown
Winchester